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Our Tippler Special

We were agreeably surprised to receive such a large number of articles, pictures and ads for this month's issue, the Tippler Special, all of which we greatly appreciated. Nasser Sharikbari, our Co-Ordinator, did an outstanding job and we congratulate him and the Tippler fanciers who helped to make this Tippler Special a success.

Next month we will publish the big Domestic Flight Special, which promises to be another big Special. Alex Rawson, Co-Ordinator, has done an excellent job, all of which has been strictly a labor of love and his desire to popularize and promote the Domestic Flight pigeon.

American Pigeon Fanciers Convention

We are pleased to report that the Second Annual American Pigeon Fanciers Convention held at the Ramada Inn in St. Louis, July 24 and 25 was an outstanding success. The two-day program brought together leaders in the Pigeon Fancy from all sections of the country. Some 70 or more fanciers and their wives enjoyed the delightful dinner and entertainment given by Ralston Purina Co. on Saturday evening at the Ramada Inn with Robert Hunter in charge.

Space does not permit a detailed account of the excellent informative talks given at the Convention, but suffice it to say that a number of the talks will be published in future issues of the APJ. Vic Truax of Rockford, Mich., has given a very excellent report of the Convention appearing on page 528 of this issue.

Fanciers in attendance voted unanimously to hold another Convention next year at the Ramada Inn, on Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30. Officers elected for next year are Frank H. Hollmann, Chairman, Dr. Samuel B. Peavey, Co-Chairman, and Thelma H. Snyder, Secretary-Treasurer.

National Pigeon Ass'n Election Results

By Tom McCaig, Election Commissioner

The results of the NPA election are as follows:

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Duties of the Election Commissioner in Section 1 of the NPA Constitution and By-Laws states: "The results of the election, giving the number of votes cast for each candidate shall be mailed immediately to all candidates, the present officers of the Association, and the NPA membership. Leading pigeon journals and magazines are to be informed of the result, but not the vote count."

The Election Commissioner has mailed the vote count to the NPA office to be reported to the membership in The Review.

We regret to learn of the death of Joseph A. Wuerz, age 75, retired carpenter of Belleville, Ill., on Thursday, July 1. He was a member of the St. Clair County Pigeon Club and for many years was an active breeder of Kings. He is survived by his wife, two brothers and two sisters.

Introduction to the Tippler Special

By Nasser Shirakbari, Co-Ordinator, Fort Smith, Ark.

The Flying Tippler sport has enjoyed a great popularity in European countries. For many years it has had a steep climb in our United States. All for the simple fact that the job is not finished in the breeding coop. The beautifully colored youngster with thoroughbred qualities must come out and prove itself as a flyer. Its magnificent flying style, its daring ability to fly at greatest heights, and its enormous durability to stand on the wing from sunup to sundown, has captured the hearts of many Americans.

It is our pleasure to present this Special Issue of the Flying Tippler sport, through which we may gain the popularity that the breed earnestly deserves, and the recognition which has long been overdue. The progress of this sport and the breed must undoubtedly be accredited to many dedicated Tippler fanciers. Appreciation is extended to the Flying Tippler Association of America and the American Tippler Union, Inc., for their support of this Special. Our thanks to many local clubs and fanciers who provided us with the needed material and advertisements. It is hoped that you understand it would be impossible to publish every article and photo sent by all fanciers. However, your thoughtfulness and support is much rewarded by the success of this publication.

It is most appropriate at this time to express our sincere appreciation to Frank H. Hollmann for presenting us this opportunity, and for his guidance during the preparations, to make this Special possible.

And lastly, may we continue our quest in popularizing the Flying Tipplers, and enjoy their pleasures brought to many through a competitive spirit.

Group Subscriptions

In view of the fact that the subscription price of the APJ was increased to \$4 per year; three years \$10, on August 2nd, some of our pigeon clubs have inquired about our group subscription rate. When eight or more names are sent, we allow a discount of 50% from the regular subscription rate, thus making the net cost \$2 per year; three years \$5. Remember there must be eight or more names on the list and must be sent all at one time.

From the Editor's Desk

Harry S. Evans of Hamilton, Ohio, writes: "Congratulations on the report of your trip to the South Pacific. This is the kind of thing that makes the APJ a great publication."

Dr. N. T. Hannaford Schafer of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, writes: "Your visit to Australia was a great stimulus to our Fancy here, and you seemed to know the answers to all of our inquiries, from your long and varied experiences with fanciers, editing, and the birds themselves."

Joseph P. Phillips of Hammond, Ind., writes: "We of the Hammond Pigeon Fanciers Association are always looking forward each month to getting the APJ for information on the raising and care of the pigeon, the club news and the wonderful articles written on the different phases of this wonderful hobby of ours."

Bill Droessler of Anaheim, Calif., writes: "Sure glad that you and the Mrs. enjoyed your trip. Enjoyed your article very much. I am taking advantage for three more years, so here is my check."

Richard E. Burger of Newark, Delaware, writes: "I was pleased to see you printed the Ringneck Dove Genetic article in the July issue. I am hopeful it has created some interest in this area. For some reason, you overlooked also giving credit for the article to Dr. Wilmer J. Miller, an Associate Professor at Iowa State University and a close friend and associate of Dr. Hollander." Our apology to Dr. Miller and all concerned.

Don Barclay of Manutahi, South Taranaki, New Zealand, writes: "Lately we have been having judging courses on pigeons of different breeds. Mr. Ryan is the officiator and adjudicator. On the first night we went through the Modena and Pouter Standard. On another night we did Fans, Nuns and the Frills. On coming nights we shall do L.F., C.L., Tumblers, Performing Tumblers, Rollers and Tipplers. These courses are most interesting in that they widen our scope of knowledge, etc."

We recently received a subscription from Gerald H. Phillips of Weston-Supernare, Somerset, England, with this comment: "I recently called on John Tucker of Bridgewater, Somerset, England, when he kindly gave me a spare copy of the APJ of August 1970, and upon arriving home you can imagine my surprise to see A. L. Grace's article entitled 'Muff Tumbler Memoirs of Long Ago,' where he quotes extracts from my writings in our Pigeons and Pigeon World in 1928 on Muffed Tumblers."

A. B. Grigler of Front Royal, Va., writes: "While not a special issue, I have made particular note of the articles by Mr. Estabrook and Mr. Turcek, largely perhaps, because of their fluency, their evident care in preparation, accuracy in grammar and presentation, also general construction. One may grudgingly condone sloppiness in speech; in the printed word, never! I am reminded of the setup in Mr. Naether's 'Pigeon Loft,' also of the old (English) Pigeons and Bantams. We could benefit greatly from more 'old country' fanciers' writings, where the language barrier is not such a factor, such an obstacle."

We were delighted to have Brent Marshall, a young man from Christchurch, New Zealand as a guest in our home for three days, July 22 to 24. While here we took Mr. Marshall to visit the wonderful Swallow loft of Dr. L. E. Hummel at Bonne Terre, Mo., and on Saturday and Sunday we attended the American Pigeon Fanciers Convention in St. Louis. He served as the guest speaker at the luncheon on Saturday, at which time he discussed "The Pigeon Fancy in New Zealand." From St. Louis he accompanied Bob Pettit to Geneseo, Ill., to see his Modenas and also visit with other Modena breeders. Mr. Marshall also visited fanciers on the East Coast before departing for London. He also planned to visit fanciers in Europe. Mr. Marshall judged Modenas at the Sydney, Australia, Show in May.

Ned Hay of Ipswich, Queensland, Australia, called our attention to the fact that Australia does not have an Australian Standard for Show Racers as stated in his article on page 425 of the August issue. The Standard on page 426 should not have carried the word "Australian." We quote from his letter, as follows: "I am writing to ask you to clarify in your next issue, the photo of the Show Racer above the article written by Mr. Hughes of Bundaberg, here in Queensland. It has the heading 'The Australian Standard for the Show Racer.' If, and I am stressing 'If' Mr. Hughes sent the photo and heading above, it is entirely wrong because we haven't an Australian Standard, as I have quoted in the article I submitted. This photo is of a bird which accompanies the Standard adopted by The New England Racing Show Pigeon Association and is definitely not an Australian Standard. I am somewhat concerned that readers here in Australia may think that I sent the photo, which would be a direct contradiction to the article I sent to you. I will be waiting, patiently, to read the next issue of the APJ wherein, I hope, you will oblige by clarifying this important point. You can, if you so desire, print this letter in its entirety."

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The Psychology of Tippler Flying

By DAVID F. LEWIS, Oakdale, L.I., N.Y.

The art of flying pigeons for sustained performance originally started in England one hundred or more years ago. From various outcrosses made upon the Tumbler, among which included the Cumulet and the Danish Brander Tumbler, the modern Time Flying Tippler was evolved.

It is fortunate that through the years the strains which were produced have been maintained and improved upon by conscientious breeders to the extent that excellent stock is available to anyone interested in Flying Tipplers. It is absolutely essential that birds from an established strain be obtained if the ultimate in flying performance is desired. Without a proper strain one is doomed to failure.

The acquisition of Tipplers from a reputable fancier and of good strain does not in itself assure flying success. Achieving flying times of from four to seventeen hours or more is contingent upon correct methodical training and conditioning of these birds. Without this all-important program the best of Tipplers will fly for little more than the average flying pigeon. The difference is that the Flying Tippler has the breeding and the necessary tools to accomplish the desired end results if properly handled. Provided the fancier has the material and trains it correctly success will be his.

There are nearly as many methods of training as there are breeders of the Flying Tippler. It is because of this that the novice immediately finds himself in a hopeless state of confusion. There has been very little detailed information written which could aid him by revealing the mistakes he has made in his attempt to fly Tipplers. The novice can, as so many of us have done, learn through experience by reasoning out and correcting his errors after they were made but this is extremely costly from the standpoint of time spent and young birds spoiled. Young Tipplers who have gone through a program of trial and error are usually spoiled and any attempt to correct the harm done is futile.

The fancier must be cognizant of the obstacles which will deter successful training and interpret them accurately. Among the major ones are the health of the youngsters at the beginning of training, age of the youngsters, time of feeding, number of feedings, type of food, amount of food, type of loft, location of loft, housing of training kits, method of release, time of release, method of dropping, the wind, the temperature and the humidity. It can be observed from the foregoing that there are many pitfalls in training a team of Flying Tipplers anyone of which can prevent success.

Location of Loft

The loft should be located in the clear away from houses, high trees, etc. If local obstructions prevent easy access to the loft roof the young Tipplers will be tempted to land at

a spot more convenient to them such as a roof top or in adjoining trees. This quickly develops into a habit which is difficult to break and proper control of the kit is lost.

Type of Loft

Tipplers, like all other pigeons, are not particular as to the type of loft which is made available to them. As long as it is large enough and dry nearly any structure will suffice. However, even if the Tippler is not choosy the Tippler fancier should be. A large measure of his success will depend upon his having the proper loft arrangement available.

The ideal Tippler loft, irrespective of size, should contain three individual sections. There should be breeding section with a fly pen plus two other sections, one for the fliers and the other for odd birds or birds not in training. It is not desirable to supply a screened fly pen for the flying section but it should be properly ventilated and allow sufficient light to enter. It should be arranged with an exit and entrance portal which should have a landing board mounted in front of it to assist the birds in entering. The flying section can be divided into sub-sections each containing a flying team or individual single bird compartments can be installed. The advantage of complete individual isolation becomes apparent when the team reaches mating age in four or five months. This system retards mating as the only time the team is together is when flying or eating. Upon completion of either the birds are returned to their individual boxes. The birds quickly learn which compartment is theirs and automatically return as soon as they have finished eating. The boxes should be so constructed as to prevent the youngsters from seeing the breeders if wire partitions are used to divide the loft into sections. It is in my opinion, always desirable to fly a kit of all hens or all cocks however correct sexing is not always possible at training age and often the fancier finds himself with a trained kit of two hens and one cock or two cocks and one hen. It is at this time that individual isolation pays off. When two birds in a kit mate the efficiency of the team is destroyed as it becomes impossible to continue to successfully fly the team.

The Weather

Although Tipplers will fly in any type of weather they usually turn in creditable performances only when the weather is favorable. The best temperatures for flying are between 40 to 75 degrees F. Colder or warmer weather, as a rule, curtails the length of their fly as does high humidity and excessively strong winds. A moderate wind often aids the Tippler as it enables the bird to remain aloft with a minimum of effort thereby conserving energy which shows up as increased flying time. The ideal flying day is one which is sunny, clear, about 60 degrees with low humidity and a gentle breeze of about five to

eight miles per hour.

The Dropper

Most fanciers use either a white Fantail or a Nun as a dropper because of their color and limited flying ability. The dropper should always be allowed to eat with the training kit but should be removed immediately after. The youngsters learn to associate the dropper with food thereby making it easy to drop the kit, when desired, by placing the dropper on the loft.

Feeding

Barley in the hull and wheat are the two feeds generally accepted and used by the vast majority of flying Tippler fanciers. The reason for this choice has always interested me as I have never been able to discern why this combination is considered the best grains for flying pigeons and upon which they are supposed to do their best work. What is the magic ingredient in barley which enhances the desire to fly? I have made inquiries among users of barley and have been told that it is ideal because it is a low energy grain with a high ash or mineral content. It is, of course, always desirable to obtain as long a flying time as possible while using as little food or a food with as low a caloric content as possible consistent with the well being of our Tipplers. We shall see the reason for this later.

Is barley really a low energy grain? If we compare the constituents of it with corn we find the following:

	Protein	Fat	Fibre	N.F.E.	(Carbohydrates)	Ash
Barley	11.9	2.0	5.7	68.0	2.9	
Corn	9.4	3.9	2.2	68.4	1.3	

It can be determined from the table above that barley is superior to corn in protein content, has a more desirable fat content for pigeons, a higher undesirable fibre content and a superior mineral or ash content. Theoretically the above figures should dispel any belief that barley is a low energy grain. The energy supplying carbohydrate ratings are virtually identical. Despite this apparent proof any experienced Tippler flier will contend, and rightfully so, that, in the case of barley, practice does not support theory. For some unknown reason pigeons just can not avail themselves of or assimilate the energy potentials of barley. Flying performance, when only barley is fed, will always fall considerably short of that which can be achieved when other grains are used, even those whose chemical analysis is inferior to barley. The characteristics of wheat are superior to either barley or corn. The combination of barley and wheat is, however, ideally suited for young pigeons for the ratio of one part barley and two parts wheat provides the following analysis which is about equal to all good commercial pigeon feed mixtures:

	Protein	Fat	Fibre	N.F.E.	Mineral
	12.0	1.8	3.9	69.3	2.32

In addition barley and wheat contain all the necessary vitamins necessary for good pigeon health, A, B, E, and G. Pigeons do not require vitamins C and D as part of their diet. It is not only a complete diet but in addition the small size of the two grains assists the youngsters in learning how to eat. I have long suspected

that it was not the barley and wheat that was responsible for flying results as much as the restricted amounts fed. This diet, in conjunction with a regular training program, reduces excess fat and produces lean, hard, muscular birds. Any well balanced feed when fed in restricted amounts, under the same conditions of training, will produce equal results. Be that as it may, the one to two combination of barley and wheat does have the advantages mentioned and it will probably behoove the novice to accept established convention.

Health of Youngsters

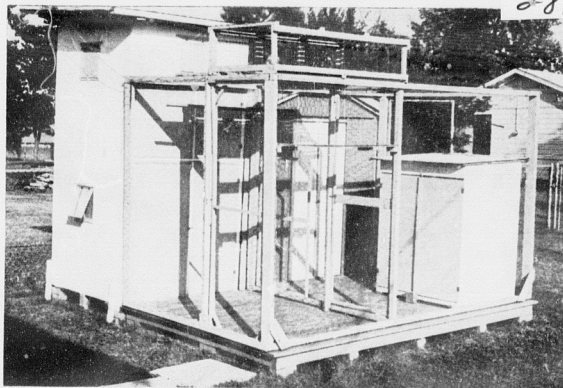
Do not attempt to train any Tipplers which were "bad doers" as youngsters. Cull any which were sick, undersized or did not in every way measure up to alert and healthy birds.

Time of Feeding — Amount of Feed

We will assume that the fancier has bred three to five healthy youngsters, all of good strain and about the same age, four to five weeks. Remove them from the breeding loft. Many fanciers place the youngsters upon the normal once a day feeding schedule immediately after their removal. As this is a very critical period in the life of a young Tippler, I have never cared for this procedure. They must have the opportunity to learn to eat and drink and this can be accomplished faster, and with less chance of harming them, by having feed and water available to them at all times during the first few days. When they have learned to take care of themselves place them in the flying section of the loft. From this time on they should be given feed, water and grit only once a day, about one hour after dark. In order to do this it will be necessary that the loft be equipped with an electric light. Feed at the ratio of one third barley in the hull to two thirds wheat allowing approximately three ounces for each four birds. As pigeons instinctively do not care for barley in the hull, because of the high fibre content, feed the barley first and the wheat only after they have cleaned up the barley. Never allow any feed to remain over night. When they have finished remove the grit and water from the loft.

The Release — Time and Method

As previously mentioned there are as many methods of training as there are Flying Tippler fanciers. Training teams are released at all times of the day, in the morning and afternoon. I have always believed that the most successful method of training young Tipplers has been to work backwards from nightfall. This impresses the youngsters that they are expected to fly until darkness regardless of the release time. It creates a well defined goal for the finish of their flight. It also guarantees complete control over the team in training as it has been close to twenty-four hours since they were last fed, and their hunger increases as darkness approaches. They will enter the loft immediately upon landing because of the approaching darkness as well as with the knowledge that they will be fed a short time later. If the fancier can accustom this team to fly further and further into semi-darkness, before dropping,



Nasser Shirakbari's Flying Tippler Loft

The attractive Flying Tippler loft owned by Nasser Shirakbari of Fort Smith, Ark.

this will stand him in good stead during competition races.

Release the youngsters, for the first time, one half hour before dark. This minimizes the chance of the young Tipplers taking to the sky and losing themselves because of unfamiliarity with their surroundings. A small amount of feed should be placed on the loft roof in order to keep them from flying right off. The dropper should be kept on the roof with them in case the youngsters should break into a flutter. The dropper's presence will attract them back should this occur. On the second day release them to the loft roof one hour before dark. Repeat daily, adding one half hour each day. After several days release them one half hour before dark without the dropper and start them into the air with a white flag attached to a bamboo or similar pole. They will immediately break out in a gang flutter, circling the loft for a few minutes. The object now is to bring them back on the loft roof rather than to allow them to land on the neighbor's roof, television antennas, or trees. To do this release the dropper, allowing it to flutter up to the top of the loft. As the youngsters are hungry they will associate the dropper with feeding and land on the roof with the dropper. Never chase them more than once with each outing.

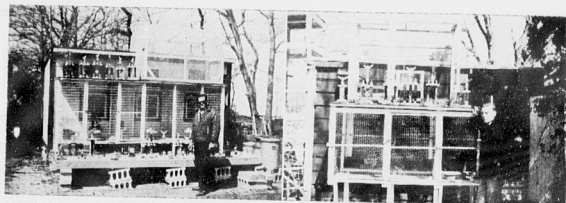
After they have been accustomed to always returning to the loft roof release them one-half hour before dark, start them into the air and attach the pole with the white flag to the loft. The aim is to keep them flying for the half hour left before nightfall. During this period watch them very carefully and if any attempt is made to drop release the dropper and remove the flag and release the dropper. If this is not done the bird or birds which want to drop will land other than on the loft and the remainder of the team will follow. This would be a serious mistake as youngsters seem to learn bad habits which

they repeat on later releases. It can be determined from the above that every effort should be made to prevent the young Tipplers from making a mistake of any kind. Do not make any releases if any of the obstacles mentioned under weather are not in the team's favor. Should the wind be too strong they may be prone to land other than on the loft roof. If the temperature or humidity is too high they may not want to fly for the full half hour. Provided conditions were in the bird's favor and they flew the half hour, remove the flag, release the dropper and allow them to come in. The next evening release them one hour before dark repeating the procedure outlined above. Each day repeat until you are able to release them four hours before darkness and drop them at nightfall. Always feed them after dark and at least one hour after they have landed. If they are fed immediately upon entering the loft they will associate dropping with feeding and you will experience difficulty in keeping them flying. As long as they associate feeding with darkness they will not have the desire to drop during daylight hours which would prevent long time flying. Once they have reached the four hour mark release them every other day. With the additional rest they may go more than four hours. Do not permit them to exceed six hours while they are still on the strict ration diet.

During these daily training flights do not permit any of the birds in the loft to go out into the fly pen. Keep them housed in the loft proper as pigeons which can be seen in the screened fly pen from the air can have the effect of a dropper on the team.

After they have been flying every other day for four to six hours omit the flag but always use the dropper. As the flag is not permitted in flying competition get the Tipplers accustomed to flying without it.

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Two Tippler Lofts in Long Island

First picture shows Robert C. Kennedy of Deer Park, L.I., N.Y., standing in front of his loft, and the trophies won by his Tipplers. Second picture shows Art Randall, his loft, and trophies won by his Tipplers, located at Patchogue, L.I., N.Y. — Photos from Vic Jendzo, Huntington Station, L.I., N.Y.

Basic Training of the Flying Tippler

By ROBERT B. FUNK, Hialeah, Fla.

We receive, as a matter of routine, many inquiries about the Flying Tippler, the training of them and general handling for purposes of competition. Therefore there has for a long time been the need for a concise instruction sheet along these lines in order to answer the questions of the novice and inquirer. We hope that the following will fill that task and any misdirection you may place directly with the author.

There is no need to go into the ancestry of the Flying Tippler as it is highly contested. Let it suffice to say that it is generally accepted that the Flying Tippler was bred down from various flying breeds of the Tumbler variety back in the 1800's to perfect a flyer, of the marathon variety, which would give you no acrobatics in the air except flying. That is to say, the Tippler does not roll, tumble, tip, flip or do anything in the air but perform with his fellow birds, in unison, in endurance flying.

Before you can train flyers, you must have breeders — stock. The only way you will be able to determine if you have good stock is to raise some youngsters and try them out under the general instructions which follow. Tipplers are good parents so raising youngsters should be no problem. Raising good flyers depends on you and your stock. Further, looks, style and color do not have one important aspect in the breeding of a good Flying Tippler. In breeding of the Tippler, pairs are made up of best flyers to best flyers, naturally taking into consideration that they are not too closely related.

Your pairs, when placed together, should lay their first egg within 7 to 10 days. They will skip a day, and lay a second. Counting 19 days from the day which they did not lay, the eggs should hatch. Seven days after hatching the babies should be ready for seamless leg banding. Fourteen to 21 days after hatching the babies should be feathered out well enough and standing well enough on their feet to begin their training as flyers.

Now you will need to know the meaning of a few terms. A "bob" is an entrance into your flying coop

that usually permits the birds to enter, but not get out of. Generally a "bob" consists of a very light-weight, such as aluminum, set of "U" shaped wires over at least an eight inch square entrance, arranged so that the birds may push them in, and enter, but may not push them out, and exit. A trap, so to speak.

A "kit" is a flock of Tipplers. For flying or competitive purposes, it must consist of at least three birds but not in excess of twenty.

A "kit box" is a box, inside your coop, in which your kit is kept, and usually is about three feet square to accommodate from three to seven birds.

"On the wing" is a term describing the time your birds have taken off until the time they drop, or land.

"Flyers boundary" is a 100 feet circle from his loft or coop.

A "dropper" is a pigeon used to drop, or call down, your kit. Your dropper may consist of any pigeon other than a Flying Tippler, however, usually a white Fantail is used, as it is more readily seen on your coop from the air, and does little if no flying.

Take your two to three week old babies from their nests, those that can stand and walk, and place them on the outside of your coop. In this manner they get accustomed to the roof of the loft and your landing and/or entrance board around your trap or bob area. You can toss a few small grains where your babies are either sitting or walking around. The Fantail should also be put out with them so that the babies associate the Fan and grains with the loft roof.

Later on, every time the flyers are fed the Fan should be fed with them so that they associate the Fan with dinner time.

When you first put your babies on the roof to let them have a look at the outside world you naturally will have to take them off and place them back in their proper nests. These babies as a rule are still being nursed by mama and papa. The grains you toss on the roof usually will not be eaten but the older of the babies will pick at and play with the grains,

some possible few small grains will be eaten by the older of your youngster group.

This process of placing the youngsters outside goes on day after day and those older youngsters which begin to flutter from their nests down to the floor of the coop with the breeders, especially at feeding time, should now be taught, with a pole or stick to coax them, to enter the bobs or trap. The Fan will help in this schooling. I have often found that youngsters which have never flown off the roof top will learn to trap into your coop and on some occasions find it difficult to make them stay out as long as I like on the roof. In such cases I go in the loft and put those babies back out.

Depending on the growth of their feather and their general health babies around five weeks old should be fluttering about and taking to the air. If they are not and you are sure they know the loft roof and how to bob, you can chase them a little to get them to take a spin around the coop. However, if they take off on their own or you chase them, allow them to drop on your coop at will. After several such individual spins generally they will promptly take off the instant you put them out. Still allow them to drop on the loft at will and see that your Fan is on the roof.

Once the babies find their wings and learn the dropping and bobbing, keep your Fan inside your coop and all other birds out of sight. At first generally these babies will scatter and fly in all directions until they start to kit together.

At the age of seven to eight weeks your babies should be flying in a kit and doing some time for you. They should also be eating well on their own, though youngsters of this age, from five to seven weeks are not husky eaters. At this time your "kit box" is put to use.

A kit box about three feet square will easily take care of seven birds. If you have more than two such boxes should be used, etc., to accommodate your crew. As best you can with these youngsters, if you use two or more boxes, they should be separated according to sex. If you have only four or five youngsters, at this age you can as a rule fly mixed kits as to sex. Some flyers keep the Fan with the youngsters in the kit box and some do not. You might find it better to keep the Fan out of the kit box except at feeding time. Also the Fan is likely to be a mature bird that will tend to pick on the youngsters.

Always feed the youngsters with the Fantail or dropper to associate the flyers with this dropper and meal-time.

As soon as your youngsters are settled and kitting and flying a little for you they are only exercised every other day, such as Saturday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday, etc. Depending on their tendency to fly you can determine at what hour to release them for their exercise. They should be taught to fly into the dusk, so if sundown in your area is 8:30 p.m. and you can expect your kit to fly three hours, then release them at about 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. Watch

them though, as if they are good stock and feel like flying longer hours at this age, you might get an "over-fly". That is to say, they will not answer the call to the dropper and keep on flying into the darkness. In such cases you chance to lose part or all of your kit. If you are lucky they will all return.

This overfly can get to be a bad habit with your youngsters and you must keep them hungry in this case and give good training with the dropper to insure they want to come eat more than they want to fly. Depending on the ability of your birds, the weather and their general health you can determine what they wish as an exercise period and if you need to increase this time to four or six hours, do so, but do not overdo it. Feel your way, so to speak.

Hungry birds are usually more easily handled, and feeding at this stage of the game is as important as the training. Up to now your youngsters have been eating the same grain as the breeders however generally they feel their way with grain by eating the smaller seeds in the breeders mixture such as wheat, kafir, millet, etc. Some of them will eat very little and in fact it is not uncommon for a youngster, not quite well settled to drooping to the coop, to stay out as long as three or so days and finally come drooping in due to hunger.

Now is when you put your youngsters on a strict diet. They are fed only once a day, in the evening by electric light. After they have had their fill of fresh grain, grit and clean water, all is removed until the following evening, down to the water pan, grit pan and last spilled seed is picked up from the kit box floor by you.

Water should be pure and clear, the same as you drink, and the pan or fountain very clean. The grit should be any mixture of good pigeon mineral health grit. The seed or grains you feed now will depend on your ability to obtain them.

Feeding: — Some say that this is the most important part of your training and we must consider it a foregone conclusion inasmuch as in all sports, feeding and exercise give you the conditioning needed. Whole grain barley and wheat are your conditioning food. If you can obtain the barley and wheat separately, this should be your best training food. However, as a rule the birds will not eat the barley unless forced, by hunger, into eating it. One bird should eat about one egg cup full of grain. Therefore you should feed a kit of three birds one egg cup full of barley. When they have finished the barley you can then give them two egg cups full of wheat. Do not mix them as the birds will eat the wheat first, and leave the barley.

In this country an "egg cup" usually raises a question as to just what size it is. Start off by assuming it is about two ounces in a measuring cup. If you find this is too much or too little, decrease or increase the amounts accordingly.

If barley is obtainable and not wheat, feed the barley, as above outlined, and finish off with any grain not too fattening. If wheat is obtain-

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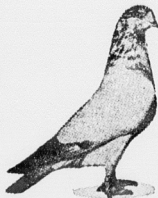


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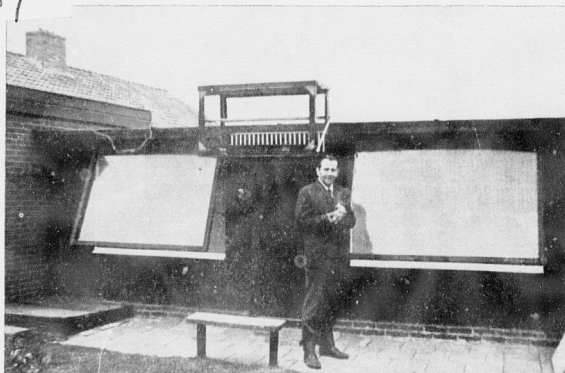
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W. Knol of Enschede, Holland, Secretary of the Dutch Flying Tippler Club of Holland, standing in front of his fabulous loft. — Photo from W. Knol, Enschede, Holland.

Training and Breeding of the Flying Tippler

By ERNEST LOACH, Derby, England

The first thing anyone must do if they wish to be successful with Flying Tipplers is to buy stock from a good fancier and also see his loft and the way he handles his birds. This you must do. When you have done this, start your first breeding season in time for your youngsters to be 14 weeks old on the first young bird fly. This means six days for pairing up and laying, 18 days to hatching time and the rest of the time to the fly day. This means if the first young bird fly is August 1st, you pair up on March 31st. This will allow for any mishaps in laying on the part of your stock birds. Your next step should be to buy some Fantail White hens if possible, about three will do. Feed them light so that they are always ready to pick up the corn that you throw them on the loft top. Remember this, you are going to rely on these Fantails to drop your birds at the right time, dusk, and if you

do not have them under control they will fly up and drop all over the place and spoil your youngsters. This is most important, your bird must not drop on the house roof, only on the loft top.

Now we are ready to start training our young birds. First, make sure they can feed themselves before taking them away from the old pair. Put them on the loft top with the Fantails every day until they begin to fly about the loft. Now is the time to start feeding them on moult barley to keep them sharp so that when you throw a little barley on the loft top they will come running into the trap. Don't forget all this time you are watching them. If anything startles them, throw a little barley about to make the droppers move about to attract their attention to corn being thrown to them. Now comes the time when you have to risk losing all your young birds in one fly away. First, put your droppers handy, ready to put out the moment you want them. Then let your youngsters walk out of the trap door on to the loft top. Do this very gently so that they come out nice and steady. With a bit of luck they will stay put. Throw a little corn on top and walk down your garden with one eye on the birds all the time. If they do stay put for half an hour, put your droppers out to them. Leave them on top another half hour, then get them in the trap. If they fly up on this first time, don't get too worried, work your droppers about by throwing a little corn to make the droppers fly about the loft top until you attract the birds down. Keep doing this until you think they are settled to your loft. This will take a fortnight because you will let them fly longer each time you have them

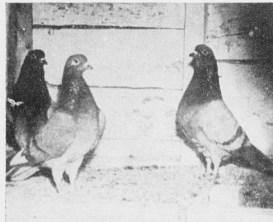
out. If you have been successful up to this point, all is ready for training them to fly to your command, we hope.

Now put your birds in separate boxes, about 14" square. Give them $\frac{1}{2}$ egg cup of barley each bird. Let them out every other day early afternoon if possible and find out how long they will fly on this feed. You will soon know when they are ready to come home, they will fly low and spread their tails, looking down to see if you are putting the droppers out for them to drop. This will be good training for them, teaching them to come to the droppers when you want them. They could fly one or two hours on this feed.

Now is the time to let them go. Give each bird one egg cup of barley, turn them out four hours before dusk. Don't worry if they want to come down before the time dusk. Hang on as long as possible before putting the droppers out, because they will fly longer every time out until you really have them under control. All this time, give your kit on Wednesday nights each week one small teaspoon of linseed with the feed with one teaspoonful of Epsom salts in the water to drink. Give clean water next morning to drink and keep them in for a day. Turn them out again on the Friday. Do this for three weeks and watch them carefully all the time. They should be flying five to six hours every time out.

Now for the first trial fly. We start feeding them on a change of corn, four days before the fly, starting from the fifth night, because we have flown them that day. One egg-cup of moult barley, one teaspoon of linseed with Epsom salts to drink, clean water in the morning. Fourth day, always feed at night, $\frac{1}{2}$ egg-cup of wheat, 20 peas. Third night, $\frac{1}{4}$ egg-cup small maize, $\frac{1}{4}$ wheat, 20 peas. Second night, $\frac{1}{4}$ tares, $\frac{1}{4}$ maize, $\frac{1}{4}$ canary seed. Fourth, third, second night give tablespoon of Parishes Chemical Food in two pints of water, add a pinch of Citrate of Iron, stir well and give them to drink. After the first night, save the water, fill up again to make the two pints. On the last night before the fly, give one egg-cup full of mixed seed canary, clean water to drink. If you have trained them well they will fly their heads off for you. Remember, this feed will not make them fly without a good strict training. If you have not done this you are wasting my time and yours.

I have no doubt some budding fanciers will say how do I know if I have got them just right for fly day. You don't, this is something you learn by error. Stick to it, try again, you will succeed. I never feed my birds the same for each fly. You must take the weather conditions into this business. Remember the wind plays a very big part in flying Tipplers. If the wind is very light, give a light feed, let your bird rise up in the clouds, don't feed heavy, this will hold them down on the roof tops and they will be down in a few hours. But a heavy feed in a strong wind will give them more energy to fly through it until the food has passed through, then luck could be on your side. The wind



THREE TIPPLER HENS FROM ENGLAND

Three Old Hens which flew 19 hours, 31 minutes to place second behind George Marlowe when he set the world's record June 26, 1959. — Photo from Gordon Hughes, Derby, England.

may drop a little and up will go your birds to finish the day in grand style. Remember fanciers, all good Tipplers fly into the wind and sail back on it. They will do this for hours on end if you have given them a good training. If your birds will not face the wind, part with them because they are no good.

Now, we will go back to breeding. Of course, all this is no good if you do not know how to make a loft of fliers. You will be surprised at the number of fanciers who just trust to luck and a big stick. First of all, buy a good dry loft. Always keep your floors clean, give plenty of grit and good corn. A lot of fliers are won in the loft management. — Reprinted from December 1966 Pigeons and Pigeon World.

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able and not barley, feed straight wheat.

Do not get the impression that this wheat and barley diet is to be the only food your birds will receive as long as they are fliers. You must check the condition of each bird in your kit and if you find they all seem to fare well this is fine. If you find all or any of the birds seem to be too fat, cut down on the wheat. If they seem to need more energy, that is, if you have them fed down to the point that they are about to become listless, feed them up with a little breeders mixture until they regain a par with the other birds in your kit.

Not being able to obtain small amounts in pounds of either wheat or barley in my area and having only three birds to work with, I have many times taken breeders mixture and hand picked the wheat and kafir (heavy on the wheat) and fed this to my fliers.

This conditioning feeding above is to work the baby fat off of your birds. It also is for the purpose of keeping them fed down to the point that an exercise of from three to four hours, every other day, is all they want. It has been said that a Tippler in good flying condition will feel in your hand something like an empty beer can, firm and light.

Your feed-up, so to speak, is to be like a shot in the arm. Let's say you are either to race your birds or try them out for a long fly, on a Sunday. Wednesday you exercise them and at feeding time instead of barley and/or wheat, you feed them a mixture of Canary bird seeds, all they can eat. Feed them the same Thursday. Friday, another exercise with same feeding. Saturday, same feeding and no exercise. Saturday night, or early Sunday morning, let them have all the Canary bird mix-grit and fresh water they want. Release Sunday at given time. This feed-up varies with fliers. Some have a menu. Some put a bit of wine in the drinking water Saturday night, but in general it is a feed-up to put them in the mood to fly and fly some more. Trial and error are your best teachers in this final feed-up process. After this basic outline, if you have any specific questions, please contact the writer. Good flying!

It Is My Pleasure

To dedicate this space to one of the nicest persons I have ever known, a tenacious contender and truly great and humble sportman held in highest esteem by all fanciers. Holder of the World Record of 20 hours for High Flying Tipplers.

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Flying Tippler History in the U.S. and Flying Records

By ROBERT B. FUNK, Hialeah, Fla.

It has been suggested that I might write such an article and for certain I fully intend to try. However, it might first be pointed out that no single individual could possibly cover such a wide scope in one article nor give justice to full coverage to history and/or records. Therefore, I shall only relate, in part, what I personally know from my memory and records. At this time it is also important to make note of the fact that no such history could possibly be written without taking into consideration the English and the Canadians.

The origin of our breed is the English Flying Tippler. It is a manufactured breed, the ingredients of which are widely speculative. Regardless, it is very safe to state that the Tippler is of Tumbler origin, with the tumble or roll either bred out or culled out, breeding birds for endurance flying, rather than distance homing or acrobatics in the air.

The fever of these beautiful flyers spread from England to Canada and to the United States. The United States is so vast in its Pigeon Fancy that it is impossible to just say the birds were imported from England to Canada and then to the United States, for in some cases this is true, but in other many frequent cases the breed was imported by us (breeders in the United States) directly from England.

Types and breeds, or strains, if you will, are also important to any history. So, let me please relate to you at this time just one of the very interesting aspects of bringing the Tippler here.

I have written a short story called, "The Story of the Storey". The Storey is a strain of Flying Tippler of the Macclesfield type or variety bred many years ago by Mr. Storey of England. His birds were both show and fly record winners. It is his prime possession "Westering Prince" that the Flying Tippler Association of America has adopted as its trade mark, so to speak. The bird's picture was lifted from a British publication, a "cut" made, and it is now on letterheads of this American Club.

Let's go back to the "Roaring Twenties", the Reverend Graham, of Canada, imported at least one pair from Mr. Storey. This was approximately in the year 1927. William O. Harvey, of Little Rock, Arkansas, a Birmingham and later Pensom Roller fancier, became interested in this Tippler that the Rev. Graham (also a Roller fancier) had brought to this Continent.

Mr. Harvey bought the pair of English Tipplers from the Rev. Graham and had them shipped to him at Little Rock. A point of interest is the fact that at that time, a certain gentleman in Toronto, Canada, who later became known world-wide for his famous "Butterfly Wing Action Canadian Flying Tipplers", was also interested in the Storey strain. This gentleman was Douglas Prud'homme of Toronto.

Doug. Prud'homme had one slight problem. The birds had already been

sold to Bill Harvey. But, romance never to wane, even with pigeons, there was one faint ray of hope. Mr. Graham's Storeys were on eggs.

Now in those days it was not practical to consider shipping both birds and eggs off to Arkansas from Canada, and besides, Mr. Harvey had bought the birds, not the eggs. So, Mr. Prud'homme, through gift or purchase whisked the eggs off to his lofts, placed them under a setting pair of birds he already had, breed unknown by me, and hatched the eggs out and raised them.

It was from this beautiful Storey light print that Mr. Prud'homme, at least in part, began his strain of butterfly. Personally I do not know if Mr. Prud'homme imported additional Storey strain Tipplers or not, but the birds were famed.

Nelson Balmer of Toronto took the same birds, in fact he and Mr. Prud'homme interchanged stock as needed, and Mr. Balmer became the most consistent long-time flyer in the annals of Canadian Tippler flying. While Mr. Prud'homme in the final analysis of the Canadian flying records wound up with top honors in time, Mr. Balmer was nonetheless the most consistent long-time flyer. They both housed the same bloodlines.

As an anecdote to all of this, Mr. Harvey of Little Rock went off to Pharmacy School and his birds were cared for by parents, etc., and when he finished school, after Tipplers had been sent out in different directions, there was one Storey child hen left in his loft.

Now, in the year 1932 there was a boy that came along by the name of Bobby Funk. He purchased a pair of Silver Tipplers from the son of a dairy farmer in North Little Rock, Arkansas, and from then on was bitten by the Tippler bug. Mr. Harvey took the Funk boy under wing and gave him the Storey hen, also there was acquired a light print cock from the State of Kentucky, definitely out of the original Harvey imports. The birds bred well and flew well.

Not to be daunted with just one pair of Flying Tippler breeders, I imported from Toronto in the year 1934, additional Tipplers from the Burns Brothers. Soon the Macclesfield and Sheffield types were intermingled as in most Tippler lofts in the United States. While we still have the two types, you never know to this day, just what to expect in color out of a Tippler mating, unless you breed to color only, which is a deterrent to good flying, just as is to breed to good style or appearance. You breed to flying ability only.

Fred Erbach, of New York, in what year I do not know, imported the Renaisance strain from England. These were the Macclesfield type bird. It has been said that the Macclesfield light colored bird was bred in the area of England to be light of color to be able to see in the very high sky. Further, that because of the Sheffield steel factories, the Sheffield type was bred in

darker colors and to fly at lower altitudes to contrast against a hazier sky. I say, it is said, as most Flying Tippler legends.

Fred Erbach took his birds and also took the North American Old Bird Record away from the Canadians in the year 1937, the year prior to the organization of the Flying Tippler Association of America.

The New York Club was called the American Flying Club, or for short, the AFTC. Erbach's record of 17 hours and 18 minutes broke the Canadian record by ten minutes.

It is needless for me to go into the problems that followed. Let it suffice to say that the only way the Canadians could contest Mr. Erbach's record, was to break it. Regardless, to this day in this year of 1971, Mr. Erbach's record fly on May 23, 1937, of 17:18 is the long-time flying record in these United States of America. His kit was released at 3:25 a.m. and dropped at 8:43 p.m. This information in print in the American Pigeon Journal as placed there by article from the Secretary of the AFTC, the late W. A. L. Liesum.

Since the aforementioned facts were happening in the 1920's and 1930's in the United States there is absolutely no doubt in anyone's mind that such happenings were multiplied many times, by many people. Tipplers were being bought from Canada and England. Later from Wales and Holland and Germany, all of which had their origin in England.

I do not wish in this article to belabor the many Tippler club aspects and related problems that evolved in the United States during the times of developing the Tippler here. It is enough to say, to my personal knowledge, that aside from the AFTC in the New York area, a Mr. Frank Hagen of Philadelphia organized at least two national clubs, the AFTC (Associated Flying Tippler Club of America) and the NTU (National Tippler Union of America), a take-off from the English NTU club. I was a member of these Clubs.

Let's face it, because of personal differences, a gentleman by the name of Ervin C. Grube of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, organized in the year 1938, the Flying Tippler Association of America. On his invitation I accepted the appointment as the FTA first president. This has been the only Flying Tippler club to endure the many years as a truly national organization for our breed.

To generate national flying competition and general interest, a race, or fly if you will, was scheduled for September 17, 1939. While other flies possibly had happened, this was to establish a club record for the FTA. There were only two contestants in this race, Mr. Grube and Virgil Schiavone of New York City. Mr. Schiavone won this race with a time of 12 hours and 35 minutes to set the first FTA club record with such gentlemen as Fred Erbach, Charles Spieser, George Miltner, Fred De Blon, Gene Scorzello, Victor Walczak and Danny Sasso in attendance and witness to the fly. It was a four bird kit, three light prints and one dark print, young.

In keeping with my theory that consistent long-time flying denotes a real Tippler breeder and flyer, here is a note appearing in the American Pigeon Journal under the heading of "American Flying Tippler Club". "The record for Tippler flying for the year 1936 is now held by F. Erbach of Maspeth, L.I., New York. His record is 14 hours and 10 minutes made on April 19, 1936." This was signed and sent in to the APJ by James L. W. Liesum, 90-61 179th St., Jamaica, L.I., N.Y.

As far as world records are concerned, for many, many years the time of 19 hrs. 30 mins. was held in England. My latest knowledge is that time is now an even 20 hours. In Sheffield, England, a World's Young Bird Record was set at 17 hrs. 20 mins. in the year 1960.

In the Year 1959 Mr. Lovatt had upped the World's Old Bird Record from 15:30 to 19:42. July 1, 1961, Mr. Lovatt (Stoke on Trent, England) broke the World's Young Bird Record with a time of 17:30. George Marlowe of Sheffield, England, could not be daunted and in 1960 flew an Old Bird kit for 19:45 to take a way. Mr. Lovatt's 19:42 record made the previous year. Mr. Lovatt countered with his 1963 world shattering record of an even 20 hours.

The extremely long summer daylight hours in England coupled with the climatic conditions at that time make it possible for these very long flies. Of course, do not overlook the excellent stock, breeding, training and feeding. The British, the originators of the breed, are still their masters.

Others have learned quite well. A few records from the Dutch Flying Tippler Club: de Haas, Young Birds, 17:18 on July 8, 1951. Old Birds, John Van der Wel, 17:27 on June 19, 1961.

The Canadians: The most popular and publicized Old Bird Record was set by Arthur De Clute of Toronto in the Year 1934 with a time of 17 hrs. 08 mins. flying two light prints and one dark blue check. After Mr. Erbach of New York broke this record with 17:18 I think it was Combs and Jacobs that upped the figure to 17:20. Without digging for hours and hours, for the still existing North American Old Bird Record, I think it is now, still a Canadian record of 17:28.

The North American Young Bird Record was kicked around a bit also. Nelson Balmer held it at one time. D. M. Prud'homme flew a kit in the late 1950's for 15 hours 58 minutes, and is still the Canadian Record for Young Birds.

Our Red Dubuc, on May 29, 1960, brought the North American Young Bird Record to the United States with a time of 16 hours 25 minutes. So, we have split the difference, Canada holds the Old Bird Record, the United States the Young Bird Record, as of October in the Year 1970. The field is still open, gentlemen.

There have been many Tippler breeders and flyers in this country manage some wonderful times with their birds. I, myself, have flown 14 hrs. 12½ mins. with birds previously mentioned. William Hoffman of Baltimore once held the FTA club record (Continued on page 488.)

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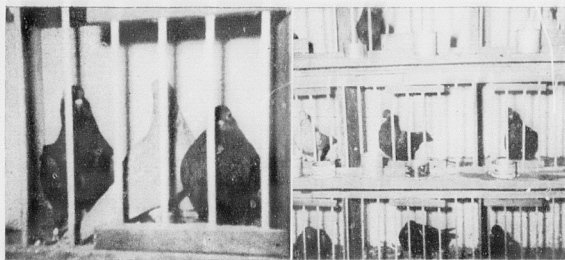
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First picture shows a kit of three Flying Tipplers belonging to Ed Hernandez of New Orleans, La. that set a club record of 12 hours and 46 minutes. Mr. Hernandez is a member of the Crescent Flying Tippler Club. Second picture shows a portion of the loft of Mr. Hernandez. — Photos from M. J. Dubreuil, New Orleans, La.

My Method in Training Tipplers

By E. R. HERNANDEZ, New Orleans, La.

The strain of Tipplers I have are Lovatts, Lovatt and Prud'homme crosses. These birds were purchased from Perc Hagan. Actually it was a gift from my wife. I must say that this was the dandiest gift I ever received. I am very proud of these birds.

As for the training method, I hope is does not sound repetitious but this is what I found successful. I select three to five healthy birds for each team. They are removed from the breeding section as soon as they can fend for themselves. I put them in the flying section in their individual compartments. The first night they are given barley (to no avail). Whether they eat or not they are given Epsom salts. After they drink, the Epsom salts is removed.

Barley remains until they learn to eat it, which is a matter of a couple of days at the most. After they start eating barley I start breaking the birds in. I let the youngsters out every day for about two weeks, depending on their flying progress. If they don't take to the air within that period I force them to fly, always with droppers out and hungry. (This I consider the most critical step. I have lost many teams in their initial flights.) When I get three or four drops from the young Tipplers I am confident that they know their home and their training begins.

The birds are released twice a week from now on, always in the evening, working them backwards in time, 7 p.m., 6 p.m., 5 p.m., 4 p.m., and so forth.

Before I feed my flying teams I always throw my droppers, a white Fantail, before I enter the flying section. It does not take long for the Tipplers to associate the white Fantail with food.

I feed barley every night (I use a measuring cup from a bottle of Nyquil cold medicine, which measures one ounce). I give each bird a level cup of barley one hour after darkness. When they finish eating they

are given fresh water. Once a week I give each bird a level teaspoon of

Three Requirements in the Flying Tippler

By ANDREW H. KOPP, Baltimore, Md.

There are three requirements necessary in the Flying Tippler. First, they should be long time fliers. After some training they should fly a minimum of six hours, being flown every other day. After a proper feed-up they should double that time and more. Second, they should be high fliers. Good Tipplers frequently fly so high that they are invisible to the naked eye. Third, and very important, they should fly with that slow butterfly wing action, expending as little energy as necessary.

To these three requirements I would add a fourth. This is that they should look like Tipplers. The most desired Tippler markings are a mostly white body with colored flights and tail feathers. Basically it is not desirable to show a flying breed of pigeon. But most of us do show them. Most of your best Flying Tipplers aren't desirable in the show pen. Usually they are too large and coarse, loose feathered, open back and wide vented.

It's not too difficult to breed for time-flying. Just mate your longest flying pairs together. Years ago in Baltimore it was not unusual to see kits of 60 to 80 Tipplers flying in a compact group for hours on end. Still, after this large flock dropped on the loft roof, there were six to eight birds that refused to drop. Very frequently these longer fliers were the same birds. These are the best to put in the breeding loft.

A real challenge to the Tippler fancier would be to produce a dual-purpose pigeon, a bird capable of slow, long-time, high flying and still have enough refinement to delight the eye in the show cage. Size would be about eight or nine ounces. Feath-

flaxseed. Also once a week I give them a tonic, ferrous sulphate, just enough to color their water.

They have grit before them at all times except the day before the race. Now for my feed-up. Four days before the fly day I start my feed-up. Assuming I fly Sunday:

Wed. — Last exercise fly, about an hour after darkness I feed them one ounce of hempseed, after they finish, mild Epsom salts (one tablespoons per pint of water), grit.

Thurs. — One ounce of millet, water, grit.

Fri. — One ounce canary seed, water, grit.

Sat. — A.M. Teaspoon rape seed, no grit.

Sat. — P.M. One ounce rice, after they finish I wait one hour then give water, no grit.

Sun. — The birds are released.

Our club's demanding flying season contributes to the success of my birds. This fact along with the training gives me best results.

Our flying season may seem unorthodox to you. We fly in the winter because our winters are mild. As for our summers, they are too hot and the humidity is too high. That is taboo with Tippler flying.

ers should be hard and broad which should cover the rump when the wings are folded. A one feather or feather and one-half tail would be desirable. Vent bones should be tight and close to the end of the keel. Legs should be short, body should be cobby with an up-on-toes stance. Head should be round with absence of any flatness. Neck should be thick and breast feathers should hide wing butts when wings are folded. It goes without saying that the Tippler is a clean legged bird. The eye should be preferably pearl or at least a light gravel. Beak, eye cere and toenails should be black in blues and black marked Tipplers. Beak and toenails should be horn color in reds, yellows and silver duns. A light eye cere is unavoidable in these dilute colors.

The show points listed above are flying points. If a Tippler is a good (Continued on page 487.)

The Psychology of Tippler Flying

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Release them to be flown with an absolute minimum of handling. Tipplers which are frightened through chasing or rough handling before flying associate this treatment with their loft and many times develop a habit of not dropping on the loft at the conclusion of their flight. I have seen Tipplers so frightened because of rough handling that they would attempt to land on the loft but because of fear hover over it a couple of feet, take off again, and return the following day. If your Tipplers associate the loft with security and food this will not occur and control of the team can be maintained.

The Feed-up

Having successfully arrived at this

point, the next question is "how do I get them to fly for times up to ten to seventeen hours?" In order to accomplish flying times of this magnitude the team must be placed on a second diet known among Tippler fliers as the "feed-up". It should be realized and appreciated that the restricted diet together with the routine training the youngsters have completed has produced a lean, hard, muscular bird which can fly upwards of six hours or more on a minimum amount of food. As Bob Funk, the President of the Flying Tippler Association of America, recently stated in a letter to me "the Tippler: in good flying condition should feel like an empty beer can when handled, light but hard". It must also be appreciated that the four to six hours our young team flew was done on a minimum amount of food which in turn resulted in a minimum amount of energy from that food. Any increase in the amount or the caloric content fed will result in an increase of energy which will manifest itself as increased flying time.

Assuming that a race will be held on a Saturday, change the feed to what is known as Racer-Breeder feed on the previous Sunday night. Allow the team as much as they can clean up. Repeat this on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday release the team six hours before dark and drop them at nightfall. Repeat the same feeding on Wednesday and Thursday evening. On Friday evening feed them one half the amount which was normally fed during the preceding days. Again on Friday, at midnight, feed them only polished rice, as much as they will clean up. Rice is normally not recommended as a pigeon feed and it should never be fed in any great quantities as part of a daily ration as it contains no vitamins, only seven per cent protein, .4 per cent fat and .4 per cent fibre. It does, however, contain an exceedingly high amount of carbohydrates, approximately 80 per cent. Carbohydrates are the energy producing foods for most living things including pigeons. A pigeon's digestive system is such that the blood sugar, produced by carbohydrates and which supplies energy, is at a maximum five hours after eating. It returns to normal in approximately sixteen to twenty-four hours after eating. Assuming the release time to be five a.m. Saturday morning the advantage of feeding a high carbohydrate food such as rice five hours before release time can be readily appreciated.

Tipplers which are "right" when released will fly high and route, being out of sight for periods of time before being seen again. This is usually a sign that good flying time will be achieved. If they fly at any moderate height and continually circle the loft, without routing, something is amiss and a good performance can not normally be expected.

If, however, you started with a good strain, trained them correctly, you should be privileged to observe a flying performance reserved only for the Flying Tippler fancier. No other breed can equal it.

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How The Tippler Got Its Name

By WILLIAM G. HOFFMAN, North Linthicum, Md.

Some years ago I had the pleasant privilege of exchanging quite a few letters with one John Van der Wel, who at that time was the Secretary of the Netherlands Tippler Club. He used to write about every conceivable topic concerning Tipplers. Like all Dutchmen, he was a very serious person, but not entirely without a sense of humor. He once wrote: "You Americans have an international reputation for coining catch phrases and trick words. Why don't you think up a more fitting name for the Tippler pigeon? Homers are expected to home; Rollers must roll; the Flying Tumblers are supposed to tumble, but the poor little Tippler, who dares to tipple, winds up in the soup pot! Why don't you give it some thought and see what can be done about it?" All of this, of course, leads up to the title question, How the Tippler got its Name?

For many years the Tippler was easily distinguishable from other breeds by its own peculiar markings, black-tipped flights, black-tipped tail, black beak, black toenails, black eye cere and black ticking in the head and neck. Some fanciers insist that it was from these markings that the breed derived its name. I recall the late Ralph Reeves explaining to me twenty years ago when he threw out my beautiful yellow prints at a lawn show: "The Tippler must be black-tipped in all its extremities, flights, tail, beak and toes. That's where it gets the name, from the tipping!" Many present day fanciers still hold to the same opinion, and some of them kept Tipplers long before I was born. Could he be they are right.

History reveals that the name "Tippler" existed for some time before it came to be applied to a specific breed of bird, and instead was used to describe the flying style of one branch of the Flying Tumbler family. Ludlow, the celebrated fancier, painter and author of the chapter, "Common and Flying Tumblers," in Robert Fulton's "The Book of Pigeons", enumerates the various air performers of that day according to style of flight and also according to markings. Of the latter, he lists seventeen cate-

gories of birds with dark flights and does not mention anything that resembles a light print. Of the Tippler as a flyer, he writes: "Then there are others (chiefly in Lancashire I think) who believe the nearest realization of merit is that of a flight of good 'Tipplers', such as perform, in a compact mass, their single evolutions with perfect accuracy and uniformity; such as fly high, are always busy, and endure long flights with comparative ease."

Job Ofield, in "The Flying Tippler," quotes an elderly fancier, Mr. Pownall of Macclesfield, as remembering the birds kept by his father fifty or more years earlier (1875-1880) as being "blues, greys and bronzes nearly black." Wedgewood, in "The Tippler for Exhibition and Flying," presents a picture of the first Macclesfield Tippler introduced into Lincolnshire, but fails to mention the date. The bird is either a blue or a grey with some trace of mottling. In type as well as in marking, it presents a more un-Tippler-like appearance than many of the more recently developed long flying types. All of this, it would seem

to me indicates that the name "Tippler" predates all the characteristics of the breed as we know it today.

There is still another explanation of how the bird acquired its name. This one perhaps is a bit far-fetched, but I like it. According to the legend, there once lived in a small village in the English Midlands, a fellow whose life was ruled by two all-consuming weaknesses, high flying pigeons and John Barleycorn. In an American town of similar size he probably would have been known as the village drunk. But his fellow-townsmen, being polite folk by nature, when they found it necessary to speak of him at all, referred to him simply as "the tippler." One day a fancier from another part of the country was passing through the village, and his attention was caught by a kit of pigeons of an unfamiliar type flying in the vicinity. Addressing a nearby villager, he asked: "Friend, what pigeons are those soaring above yonder heath?" The villager, thinking he had asked "Whose pigeons?", replied, "Oh, they are the tipplers." The traveler obtained some of the birds and took them back to his own district where he introduced them as "Tipplers," a name that has stuck to this day! — Reprinted from May 1959 issue.

Importance of the Flying Tippler Standard

By BOB HINZ, Baltimore, Maryland

Each time that I write about the importance of the Standard I'm sure that I convince a few more people that I am advocating the breeding of the Flying Tippler as a show pigeon. Such is not my intention at all, so I will keep on writing in the hope that some day my line of thought might be understood.

The greatest hurdle to overcome is the thought that exists with some fanciers that flying ability of a pigeon is an unseen quality that cannot be connected with anything physical or material. These people compare the ability of a good flyer with unseen qualities like the homing instinct of a Racing Homer. They think that the only way to breed good flying birds is by mating the best flyers together in the hope of getting a double dose of the mystery ingredient. Such thinking proves only one thing, that being the ignorance of the breeder as to his knowledge of the characteristics that make a capable flying pigeon.

The late Bill Pensom (may this great pigeon man rest in peace) was a man who walked into Roller lofts on numerous occasions and picked out the few best birds in the loft, as testified to later by the owner, and this was done without seeing the birds fly. Here was proof positive that Mr. Pensom could see and feel what makes a good flying pigeon and it was no mystery to him.

It has been said that Flying Tipplers are not show pigeons, and it has been said that wide variation in type exists today. These are facts that cannot be denied, but when we consider uniformity in breeding as desirable only to showing we are making a great

mistake. A recent article that I read gave wide variation in type as evidence that the Tippler is a flying pigeon, however, the same writer, in the same article, went on to mention that some strains of Tipplers are 10-hour flyers, others 17-hour flyers, others 20-hour flyers, etc., etc. Now let's think about this. If different strains seem to have their limit of endurance and if they are widely different in type, isn't it only logical to assume that there is a direct relationship of type to flying ability?

Let's suppose for just a moment that Wilf Lovatt would take one of his 20-hour flyers in hand and write a detailed description of the bird as he examined it, and then drew a picture of the bird. I feel sure that most Tippler fanciers in the world would move mountains to get a copy of such a work and would diligently breed to it in the hope of producing another world champion strain, and what would this work of Mr. Lovatt really be but a Standard and Ideal. Oh yes, we have a wide variation in type in the Flying Tippler and that is exactly why we have 10-hour strains and 20-hour strains and a whole lot of in between. When we make up our minds that a Standard can describe a bird capable of top performance in the air and start breeding to such a Standard, we will then eliminate the wide variation in type and start breeding more 20-hour flyers and less 2-hour flyers.

As to showing the flying bird, it seems to be the thought that every pigeon brought into the showroom is a bird that has been bred for showing. Let's abandon this thought for



THE JACK EHLI FAMILY

The Jack Ehli family of Portland, Oregon and their Flying Tippler trophies. Left to right: Jack, Patti, Patrick, and Diane. Mr. Ehli is the recent past Secretary-Treasurer of the Flying Tippler Association of America. — Photo from Jack Ehli, Portland, Oregon.

a moment and assume that an ardent flying enthusiast has produced a bird of 20-hour record. The bird is very beautiful and the fancier is very proud of his great flyer. He wants others to see his bird so he exhibits the bird in a show. Along comes another flyer with a bird of great beauty, and capability, and "bingo" we have competition. Show birds? Not at all. Flying birds are what they are.

Another point that I would like to mention is the fact that some of the winningest strains in the shows are also winning strains in the air. Also it is interesting to notice the striking resemblance of the Lovatt birds to our own Ideal picture to be found in the NPA Book of Standards.

I think it should be obvious to anyone that great variation in type cannot result in equal performance by all. If this were possible we could breed a Tippler to look like a Modena and expect the bird to fly for 20 hours. With this thought in mind, the need for and the benefit of a Standard should be clear. I think a sound Standard of the breed should be the primary consideration of any specialty club that is truly interested in having all of their members enjoy good flying times, instead of just the more knowledgeable breeders who know what a good bird looks like without a written guide line.

There is only one way to uniformity in the Tippler Pigeon and equality in competition and that way is a "Standard". A Standard gives even a novice a chance to know what a good bird looks like. I realize that Flying Tippler clubs exist that have no Standard at all and I wonder what they tell a novice who joins the club and wants to know what a good bird looks like. Perhaps they tell him to go beat his brains out for 20 years until he finds out. This is not my idea of advancing the breed. On the other hand, if the novice is taken in tow by an old-timer and given some pointers, wouldn't it be better and easier to have it all written down and have an Ideal picture to illustrate the Standard? To my way of thinking, any Tippler club that has no Standard has not yet taken the first step forward.

I am quite convinced that those who condemn the Standard are of little knowledge as to the make-up of a good flying pigeon, and I would love to be on hand some day when a novice walks up to them and asks what to look for in his birds. A knowledgeable person would recite the Standard but what is a non-believer going to say? Would he stand there speechless or would he run for a copy of the Standard?

I will close now with best wishes to all, in flying and in showing.

Three Requirements in the Tippler (Continued from page 484.)

flier, being open backed and open vented, he would be a much better flier with hard broad secondary feathers and tight vents which is an indication of good condition.

The above opinions are my own based on my own observations and my own experiences.

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Much Pleasure From Tippler Flock Flying

By FRANK P. CATRI, Warwick, R.I.

It has been a pleasure to see the increase in Tippler articles that have been appearing in recent issues of the American Pigeon Journal. Especially gratifying has been the subject matter expressed in these articles, which chiefly relates to the writer's personal experiences in pleasure flying the Tippler pigeon.

I personally feel that a whole new era in the sport of Tippler flying can be opened by the personal pleasure of Tippler flyers if they continue to bring to the attention of the Tippler Fancy, the enjoyable and varied possibilities for flying their birds for fun.

There are occasions when Tippler fanciers enter the sport knowing beforehand that due to special circumstances particular to their own situation, they would not be able to participate in the competitive flying aspects of the Tippler sport. Rather than give up the sport entirely these fanciers have turned to flying their Tipplers for personal pleasure. Many of them, like myself, are breeding and flying Tipplers for the sheer enjoyment we get out of their many fine qualities. We love them for their gentle nature, their attractive appearance and most of all for their high and long flying ability.

To help in promoting further interest in Tippler flying I offer this article on the flock flying of Tipplers. An important feature in flock flying that you will immediately become aware of, is that it will be less demanding than other aspects of the sport. Another feature worth noting is that a greater number of birds can be successfully flown than are customarily flown in competition flights. These features together with the variations in flying patterns that appear often enough, can hold one's continued interest in flock flying Tipplers.

The day to day flying activities of flock flown Tipplers can be most unpredictable. Some days they seem to prefer to fly at mid-height, flying only in the general vicinity of the loft area. At other times the flock will climb to a good height and decide to make a grand tour of the neighborhood, ranging out first in one direction, only to return to the loft area from the opposite direction an hour or so later. Then there is that "red letter day" when the flock of Tipplers will find weather conditions so ideal that they seek out an up-drafting "thermal column" of air and there in the buoyancy of the rising air currents they will gradually spiral up to extreme heights, at times going completely out of sight. This is the type of Tippler flying I enjoy most, the higher they fly the better I like them.

In different areas of the country flock flying of large numbers of birds may also be referred to as stock flying, group flying, or just plain gang flying. Since flock flown Tipplers are not pushed for time flying records, the flying of large numbers of birds presents no particular problem along

this line. As to the number of birds that can be flown, there appears to be no set rule. Most flyers will have as many birds in their flocks as they can comfortably handle. Personally, I believe that flocks numbering over 35 birds become too unwieldy and difficult to handle for best flying enjoyment. Depending a good deal on the method used to train them, flocks of regularly exercised Tipplers can and will fly for hours at a time, and if from a good high-flying strain and with choice strong flyers, they should do most of their flying at a good high altitude, weather permitting. Even with the best of flying stock the successful flying of large numbers of birds may not be as easy to accomplish as it first may seem. For unless the low or short duration flyers are eliminated from the flock, all that will result in flock flying is a mass of birds flying around at low levels, mostly just over the roof tops.

When properly managed this manner of flying Tipplers has its own special appeal to the personal pleasure flyer. One of the most rewarding experiences that can be had is the observation of the spectacular fast hooking turns that sometime develop in the flying actions of flock flown Tipplers. This hooking action is as spectacular in its performance as is the looping back hooking actions observed in flocks of Domestic Flight Pigeons.

However, there is a difference in the manner that the Tipplers will execute their turns. When going into this flying action Tipplers will perform their turns with rapid, fast-breaking hooks, first to one side then to the other side, each bird in the flock turning simultaneously with its flying mates and with the precision of a drill team. These fast hooking turns will be repeated over and over, giving the observer the impression of seeing a snake dance in the sky. The difference, of course, being that the flock of Tipplers remains in a compact unit, each bird executing the fast turns in complete harmony with the rest of the flock. After a period of time this hooking flying action will stop as suddenly as it began, and it is seldom repeated during the remainder of the flight.

It is quite impossible to give an accurate description of a flock of Tipplers performing these hooking turns. They must be seen in action to properly appreciate this amazing performance. There seems to be no reasonable explanation as to what condition triggers this particular flying action. However, several facts have been noted that may have a bearing on what could bring it about. One fact noted is that the hooking turns seem to appear only when large numbers of birds are flown together, and especially so if most of them are more or less related. Another fact is that this hooking action is mostly observed within the first hour after a flock has been liberated for flying. It is believed that it may possibly be due

to the birds being in extra good flying condition or from sheer exhilaration after being liberated from a period of confinement. A final fact, once a flock does acquire this flying hooking action it may repeat this performance from time to time but seldom at regular intervals.

It is hoped that flock flying of Tipplers will become an important aspect of the Tippler flying sport. It is sure to attract many more prospective Tippler flyers to the sport once they are aware that flock flying of Tipplers is one of the simpler methods of enjoying the Tippler Flying Sport.

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and often flew consecutive good times. As for history, Baltimore has been a world within itself and a past that I could not even touch upon.

It might be interesting to note that on the date that Mr. Dubuc set the North American Young Bird Record, May 29, 1960, Tom Lagos flew a kit for 13 hrs. 45 mins. and he also won the FTA 1960 aggregate of 27 hrs. 20 mins. with two flies.

To emphasize what a beautiful flying year 1960 was for the FTA, on April 17, 1960, Sal Fatta flew a kit for an even 14 hours. On that date, which was prior to the Dubuc fly, Mr. Fatta had set a new FTA club record. The Dubuc kit went for 13:50 just behind Mr. Fatta. On May 1, 1960, the Dubuc kit went for 13:30.

On May 15, 1960, the Dubuc kit went for 14:50. At hand is a letter from Tom Lagos to John Curley (Central Timer) disqualifying himself in the May 15 fly. His kit was put up at 5:30 a.m. and the droppers tossed at 8:15 p.m., a total of 14:45, or five minutes under the Dubuc winning kit. The Lagos kit was still up at 9 p.m., a total of 15 hrs. 30 mins. when it was too dark to see them. Twenty Homers and five Helms could not bring the kit down.

More recently, Mike Seiler, on September 27, 1969, flew a kit for 15 hrs. 24 mins., proof that Tipplers are still flying in the United States, and very well. At the time of Mr. Seiler's fly the FTA did not have written into its Flying Rules the rights to use artificial lighting to drop a kit. Regardless, it was a beautiful fly and we sincerely hope Mr. Seiler will continue his efforts.

In concluding this article, while it is long, may I please again emphasize that no article, per se, could give any amount of justice to history and records. It would take months of preparation and a book to relate. My sincere apologies for having missed any important persons and records in this article.

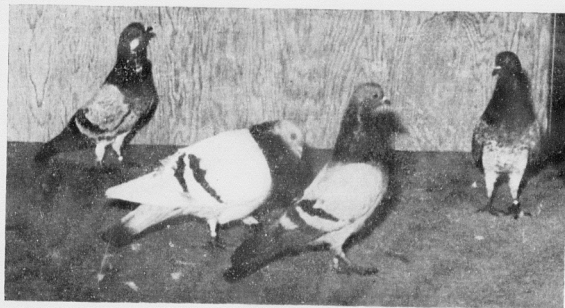
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Flying Tippler Show Team

Flying Tippler Show Team of Nasser Shirakbari, Fort Smith, Ark. at the 1971 Seattle National Show. Far left: Grizzle Old Cock, 1st place. Front left: Silver Dun Cock, 3rd place. Center: Blue Bar Young Hen, Grand National Champion. Right: Young Grizzle Cock, Best Opposite Sex. — Photo from Nasser Shirakbari, Fort Smith, Ark.

A Few Hours of Pleasant Tippler Highflying

By NASSER SHIRAKBARI, Fort Smith, Ark.

It was a cool spring morning. It had rained the night before and the remaining clouds were still hanging over. The birds were scheduled for a short morning exercise, as we had planned an afternoon outing. A glance at the sky, and the impulse gave me the go ahead. A steady breeze from the west and a filtered sunshine were all indications of a hopeful perfect day. Traps opened; the three-bird kit stepped out, then burst into the sky in a split second.

The kit had received its daily ration of a light feed 19 hours before the release time. They were fed this way because of my variable working schedule and I had to be at work at 12:30 p.m. the day before. Now they were on their way. In a short time, they reached their usual flying height, which is not too high, then leveled off and went on to a short series of rakes.

Then the sun began to rise and the sky turned blue with large patches of white clouds high and scattered everywhere. The air began to warm up, the high clouds were moving from one direction to another, and one could watch the air turbulence by watching the movement of clouds. There you could find a nice steady uplifting wind which contributed to a change in the flying style of the kit as they showed up above the loft. Now, the kit was circling in an unpredictable fashion, picking up altitude with a slow and steady flicker of the wing. Slowly they bore upward into the endless blue; first the disappearance of the markings, later to the size of a baseball, and minutes after, they appeared like specks on a white sheet of paper.

Now they were difficult to keep on sight. The colors had blended together, with them raking off far away I could only keep them on sight if they were visible before the rake. Once taking the eyes off of them, they

could be too difficult to locate again. This was inevitable as my eyes were tired and my neck was getting stiff. By now I had got the message that it was going to be a high flying day and I must prepare. I placed my chaise longue in the far side of the yard away from house and the loft, having it facing the direction in which the birds were flying that day. I lay on the chaise longue and began to look for them. The last time I had seen them, they were flying south-east and this was the vicinity of the fly most of the morning.

About 40 minutes later they came in sight. They had dropped in altitude somewhat and could be seen easily, soaring gradually toward the southwest, passing the house, and locating on the opposite side of the previous flying area. Again they went to work in that one area as though they were caged in. Then gradually they began to go into a swinging motion, picking up altitude with each swing. It was a question of a very short time that they were specks again and eventually invisible. I took advantage of this time, walked around to rest up, looking up now and then to see if I could find them. No luck this time. The sun went behind the clouds after time and continued to rise above the loft. The temporary shade was a relief from a hot spring morning.

It was about an hour since I had seen them. Then I remembered the afternoon outing when I looked at my watch and it was 11:00. I hurried to my chair and began to look as hard as I could. Nothing showing. Some clouds had moved into their fly area and I was not sure where to look for them. Standing again looking in all directions I suddenly located one bird below the cloud moving with a type of breast stroke wing action, dropping lower and lower. Still the bird

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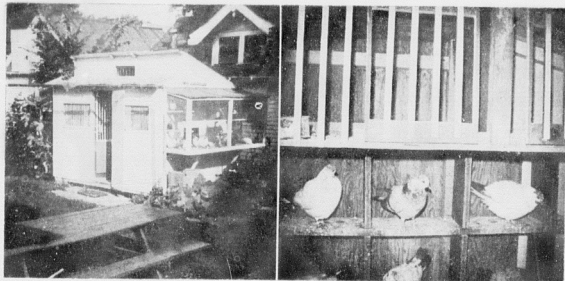
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Tom Kvidera's Flying Tippler Loft

First picture shows Tim Kvidera's 8 x 10 foot loft, showing his economical use of space. The Fantail section on the left is double decked and the right portion consists of two 4 x 5 foot Flying Tippler sections. The rooftop in front provides a 2 x 10 foot landing platform. Second picture shows a portion of the interior view of Tim Kvidera's loft, showing Flying Tiplers in their nest boxes with kit box above. — Photos from Tim Kvidera, St. Paul, Minn.

My Experience in Breeding Tiplers

By TIM KVIDERA, St. Paul, Minn.

One day about twelve years ago I got my start in raising Flying Tiplers. Back then my friends and I made a habit of increasing the number of birds in our lofts by catching birds roosting and nesting on different houses in the neighborhood. Besides doing the homeowner a favor we got new additions to our lofts. Every once in a while we would catch a banded bird which would immediately become our most prized possession, since at the age of eleven or twelve we did not know the procedure for tracing down the owner. It so happened that on that night I caught a banded bird which I later found out was a Tippler and I have had Tiplers ever since. I still have that old 1938 cock, mostly for sentimental reasons but he is still suspected of fertilizing eggs.

Soon thereafter I bought a couple more pair and due to various circumstances within a couple years I found that I now was the only Tippler

breeder around this part of the country. At least I was the only one who made it obvious that I had some.

Throughout my earlier years I went through a couple dozen different breeds of pigeons before settling on breeding exhibition quality Fantails seven or eight years ago, but I have kept the Tiplers continuously for the sheer enjoyment of watching them fly. Although always flying my birds, only during the last few years have I made any real concentrated effort at getting them to perform up to their capabilities. With this article I hope to do my small part to help the reader considering breeding Flying Tiplers find his way through the maze to success.

If you go to a show that has a number of Tiplers exhibited, a good one is the National as the Flying Tippler Association annual meet is held in conjunction with it, you will notice that the Flying Tippler comes in just about all colors and sizes. This is due to individual preference as to what type of bird will fly the best. Some flyers like big birds, some small. Some like dark colored ones while others prefer light colors. And there are many that fall between the two extremes. I myself like a small, compact, alert looking bird with good feather, especially in the secondaries. This type of bird is hard to come by as one generally finds better feather quality on the larger birds.

Once you have settled on the type of bird you like, try to get them from a breeder who flies his birds in the same general weather conditions as you have in your locality. If you do, chances are better than not that they will be better able to adapt to your conditions. For example, a strain of birds that for years have been bred to fly in a cooler climate than yours will tire quickly if you fly them in hot weather. You will find that all strains will generally fly better on cooler days, though this is not to im-

ply that Tiplers cannot do well in warmer climates. It is rather comparable to a person playing football. During the fall he can play for hours in 50 and 60 degree weather but does not feel much like it in 90 degree heat.

Another thing about general flying conditions that may lead you to think that you have been taken, should you settle and try to fly old birds bought from another flyer, is where the previous owner lived. That is, where his loft is located. I have bought birds from a breeder who lived in the country. His birds had nothing but wide open spaces to fly in. Was I surprised when I tried to fly them. Although they appeared to be quite capable flyers on being released, they would do no more than a few laps around the house and land. Apparently these birds did not know what to do when set free in town. Even though I have been flying them a couple years now they still are no better. But, do not lose heart. Their young, not knowing anything else, perform commendably in the city.

Tiplers are wonderful parents. It has been years since I have lost a bird from lack of parental care. One should easily breed an average of five or six young from a pair in four rounds. So do not make the mistake of starting with too many pair of breeders. If you do, soon you will end up with more birds than you can find adequate time for.

Once you have your first round of youngsters out, do not be in too much of a hurry to get them on the wing. As one Tippler authority put it, young Tiplers are "stronger of wing than of mind". Roughly translated that means they are liable to take off and fly before being adequately settled, never to be seen again. Not much can be done to stop a bird from flying if it wants to, but there are methods of minimizing the chances of his not returning.

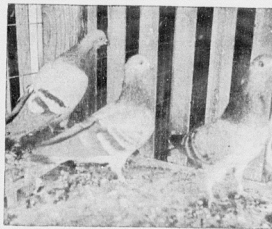
When the young birds are about four weeks old put them out on top of the loft just before bringing the flock down. This way they get to see what is expected of them. Do this every day if possible. For the first round of young each year you can use some old birds for the flock and after that the older young birds will do fine. If the youngsters fail to trap, by example, you should walk them through, using a rake or some handy pole. When they are feathered out under the wing place them in the young bird pen. By now they can eat by themselves as you have been throwing a handful of feed into their nest box every day for a week or so, but watch them as they might not find water. If one looks down, in a day or two stick his head in the water. He will drink heartily and in most cases never have to be shown again.

Now when taking the youngsters outside, do not just set them on the roof, walk about ten feet away from the loft and let them fly from your hand to the loft. The flock flying above is now more than an example; it has become added insurance must in case the youngster flies more than just to the loft. If he does, chances are he will fly up to them and since



FLYING TIPLER LOFT

The Flying Tippler loft of Harry S. Evans of Hamilton, Ohio.



DON PLAUCHE'S FLYING KIT

These three Flying Tiplers, two hens and a cock, made 8 hours and 31 minutes in their first race in January. Birds owned by Don Plaque of New Orleans, La. — Photo from M. J. Dubreuil, New Orleans, La.

they are on the way down he will return also. Do this a couple days then go farther from the loft and throw them out instead of just letting them fly out of your hand. In a few days they will fly to the flock instead of to the loft and now they can be released with the rest of the young birds.

The above system has proven very adequate over the years for me. While using it I never lost more than a couple birds a year, often none. It's worth was truly driven home to me this year. Up until July I was unable to spend the time needed with my birds and it showed in my losses, more than a third of those released. Since returning to the above I have lost none.

Once you have a flock of young birds flying, keep an eye out for those birds that always kit well and

do not really want to come down when you call them. These should be your best bet when trying to make a flying kit.

When you think that you have a prospective kit (three to seven birds, preferably the same sex but not a necessity with young birds), quit flying them in the flock and let them out together every other day. Make sure to watch them. If a bird tends to continue going on a split after being flown together three or four times you better replace it or you can be sure it will do the same on fly day. There is no reason to risk a disqualification on race day when all that was needed was changing a bird before commencing training of the kit.

Make sure the kit never drops before you call them down. If they do, chase them back up and then call them down. The reason for this is that Tipler flying is a timed event, therefore you want the kit to continue flying until they are called down. When you are sure you have a comparable group of birds for your kit you can commence on into the lock-up, feed-up part of training to get them ready for race day.

Most of the above has been learned the hard way as I had no neighboring Tipler men around. If it saves someone the years it took me to learn this little bit of Tiplerism I will consider the effort worth while. For the beginner may I suggest you get a copy of John Curley's "Time Flying Tipler Pigeon Sport", currently the only book on Tiplers, and be sure to join the Flying Tipler Association of America. Get to know other members, they will be glad to help you get off on the right wing.

Progress Of The Crescent Flying Tipler Club

By M. J. DUBREUIL, New Orleans, La.

Due to the growing interest in the Flying Tipler Sport, a number of Tipler fanciers in our area met on March 1, 1969, to discuss the possibility of forming a high Flying Tipler Club. On March 8, 1969, another meeting was held and the club was formed. We chose the name Crescent Flying Tipler Club because of the shape of the Mississippi River around our area. At this same meeting we elected officers as follows: E. R. Hernandez, Pres.; Melvin Wells, V-Pres.; M. J. Dubreuil, Sec.-Treas.; Don Plaque, Director; Norman Bourgeois, Director.

Mr. Dubreuil was instructed to contact Louis Wolfe to try to obtain information regarding the constitution and flying rules used to govern the Tipler sport. Through the courtesy of Mr. Wolfe and the generosity of the FTA the writing of our constitution became a simple task.

On May 10, 1969, the CFTC held its first fly. Seven members participated in this fly. The best time was three hours and seventeen minutes by a kit of three birds owned by E. R. Hernandez. After this initial fly it was decided not to fly in competition in the summer due to the heat and high humidity. Simultaneously, we de-

cided on flying once a month from November through May.

The times for the past season were as follows:

November Fly — D. Plaque, 2:25; E. Touchet, 1:39; C. Roberts, :46; K. Landry, :30; M. Wells, :13; E. Hernandez, Disqualified.

January Fly — D. Plaque, 6:10; E. Hernandez, 4:47; E. Touchet, 3:48; H. Landry, 1:15; I. Diecidue, :22; M. Dubreuil, :11.

Feb. Fly — D. Plaque, 8:34; E. Touchet, 6:55; E. Hernandez, 5:22; I. Diecidue, :32; C. Roberts, :15.

March Fly — E. Hernandez, 11:50; D. Plaque, 4:43; E. Touchet, :50.

April Fly — E. Hernandez, 12:46; D. Plaque, 4:50; M. Wells, 1:55; E. Touchet, 1:42.

May Fly — E. Hernandez, 7:32; D. Plaque, 4:41; M. Wells, 4:14.

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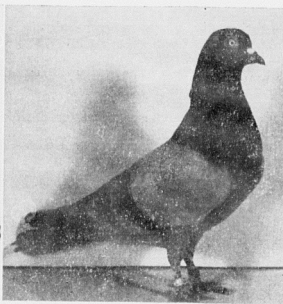
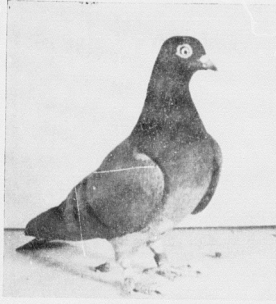
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The Flying Tippler in Sheffield, England

By JACK PRESCOTT, Sheffield, Yorkshire, England

When the Flying Tippler is studied it is not long before the city of Sheffield in Yorkshire, England, comes to notice. There is no doubt that in the old days this city was the real hotbed of Tippler flying. The Mecca of the Tippler, so to speak. Geographically, Sheffield is an inland city, rather hilly and still rather dirty with industrial grime. Like every other place, of course, it has changed, and much of the old way of life has gone, I'm sad to say.

Today, I see multi-story flats, modern roadways, thousands of cars, and thousands of people with no purpose in life but to maintain a car and drift in and out of various pubs, betting shops or bingo halls. It was not always like this and at one time there were more people with a purpose in life and less scruffy, long-haired louts with no intelligent interest in any blooming thing at all.

A man used to have his job in the steel works or the coal mines, and in his spare time would find interest in growing things or keeping livestock. Very few people at all had any dreams of ever owning a car. There was plenty of land and large areas were divided into plots and rented out to fellows who wanted to garden or raise livestock. Such plots were called allotments and could be had for about five shillings a year. In those days a laboring man would make a shilling an hour, at most.

For five shillings or "5 Bob" as we say, one could have an enclosed bit of land some 50 ft. x 30 ft., upon which to do more or less as one pleased. In so many cases there were absolutely no rules. There were so many large areas of these allotments, and groups of Tippler fanciers would prevail on all of them. In the main, they were out of the steel and mining industry and because they worked a three-shift system of eight hours a shift, they had ample time to be with their birds.

It was, of course, because of the very inexpensive aspect of Tippler flying that the idea caught on. Sheffield was never one of the high-paid areas of England. For the outlay of a few shillings a rough loft could be made out of anything that was available and Tipplers could be had for a couple of shillings each.

A man could escape from his home environment and disappear to his allotment for hours. If he could take a bottle of tea and a cheese sandwich with him and get a couple of pence for five cigarettes, he was quite likely to spend many hours with his pigeons. Each of these fanciers would have a system of feeding and training supplied by some veteran fancier such as S. Billingham, J. Cockayne or G. Marlowe. They would stick to these systems and by persistent work would always have a kit capable at contest time.

These rough-and-ready men really had their hearts and souls in their Tipplers. They had their little jars of special seeds and mixture, not forgetting the Epsom salts and a herb called rue or herby grass from which they made a special sort of tea for their birds.

It was a case of selecting Tipplers as young ones that had the character or sheer guts to fly well even when very hungry and at the same time be able to face the darkness and come to the loft with no panic. Unless these Tipplers passed these two very important standards they soon were disposed of, often by finishing up in the stew pot. Only the ones that were capable in these two selection points were entertained for further training.

From then on it was a system of building up stamina from mere skin and bone, cutting a flight of about 12 young ones down to five or even three. Only the best had an earthly chance, there was indeed very little sentiment.

Each group of fanciers would join

forces and referee each other's kits. There was no hanky-panky, and no doubt as to whether or not the kits had done the time stated, as with present day contests. Nowadays, of course, people are contesting miles apart and local interpretations of rules have created a bit of misunderstanding. This, of course, is not the case when the people contesting are all close together and all know each other's birds by sight.

Now there is a widespread idea that Sheffield had its own type of Tippler, and Manchester, which is only a few miles away, had its own type, as did a good few other towns in England and Wales. Well, I suppose it began like that but just look at the facts. Hundreds of Tipplers were sold and bought every year. One could send for a few and get them by rail delivery that took only 24 hours to any part of the country. This is such a small country and each city is not walled and fortified. The traffic of Tipplers in and out of Sheffield was very great indeed and everybody had his own ideas and most people did a bit of dabbling, no matter whether or not it payed off.

Such fanciers that we had, with the drive and enthusiasm that prevailed, would have done very well almost anywhere with almost anything. It was mainly the hard times, the hard-headed attitude of the Yorkshiremen in general, plus the shift work system that prevailed in Sheffield.

With the help of his children, a working man could fly his Tipplers at almost any specified time. He could leave feed instructions for his family. Of course, in those days the Sheffield man knew how to keep his wife and children in line. Even today it is no use any heppened husband attempting to fly Tipplers. Unless one can come and go as he pleases and spend vital time with the Tippler, he may as well not try at all. I, myself have never been heppened and that is why I could always put up a fair kit I'm sure.

Well! I reckon that is about all I can spare the time for right now. I've got a couple of floors to scrub and a pile of dishes to wash.

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was high enough that I could not tell which one it was from its color, but I had a good guess since I know them well. Shortly after, I spotted the other two in about the same vicinity as the first one, but they were cool and carrying on as though they had no intention to come down.

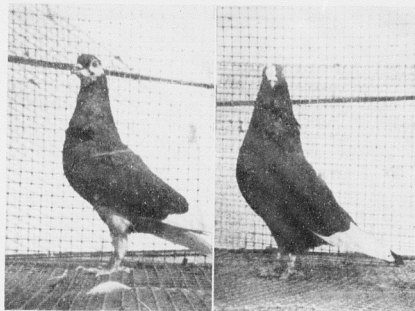
The split bird was running and the other two circling. This went on for some minutes and the single had stopped dropping lower. As the twins were gradually working toward the loft, the single dove right under them and was spotted by the other two. Then a chase began. The floating birds picked up momentum and began to drive after her. The single, perhaps unaware of the followers, was going astray and running in all directions with the other two not being able to keep up. Nevertheless, they had found their kit-mate and were not going to let her alone. The chase

continued awhile and finally it looked like they met, but that wasn't the case. They were far apart in altitude and if they were to meet, an effort had to be made by both parties. It was evident the single had seen them, from the change in the flying style and her drive upward. The game of chase went on further as the twins were gradually picking up also. Then suddenly it seemed like a stream of air hit them all at once and they glided for a long distance sideways with the single at their tail. A complete turn at the end of the glide and they met as a kit again.

With the watch handle pushing for 12:00 p.m., and the afternoon plans, I began to think of dropping them. I stood there watching to see what they had in mind. Now they were soaring down easily and with every glance I found them larger. I was glad to see there was no change of heart and they were coming down for sure. A few minutes later the markings were well visible, then to their regular size. The low winds from the west had picked up some, washing the birds away from the loft. The kit had to face the wind working against it toward the loft, pass over it for so far, and turning with the wind under the tail, gliding back to the east again.

With them moving in from the east, they had the best angle to hit the loft for its location. I knew with the low ration of feed they had received, and a morning of high flying, it wouldn't be too long that the birds would run out of energy, and would be put down by the low winds as they were getting stronger each minute. A few times they made it above the loft, one bird spreading its tail, giving me the signal for landing. The other two passed over it into the wind, ignoring the loft like they never saw it. I thought, I'll wait for another round to see if I get the signal again. They were above the loft now. I watched closely as two birds were looking down and pushing against the wind toward the loft. They were too far above the landing platform. I wanted them somewhat lower before releasing the droppers. On the next round they were low enough and at the right angle. Three droppers were released at the same time as the flyers approached about 100 feet of the loft. Things were just right, two birds dropped but missed one. It wasn't too long until the third bird was dropped and the end of a pleasant Tippler highflying day.

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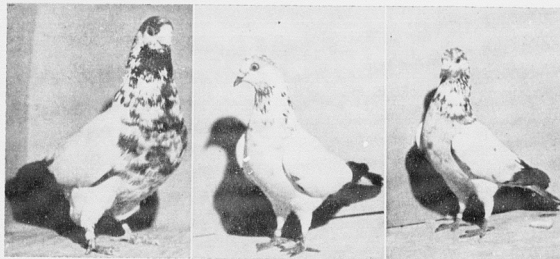
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Varied Aspects of The Tippler Sport

By FRANK P. CATRI, Warwick, R.I.

For years one of the main obstacles to increased popularity of the Flying Tippler sport has been in my estimation, the prevailing belief that the Tippler was a variety of pigeon to be bred and flown solely for the purpose of competitive type flying. It appears that the main activity of competitive flying was confined to the flying of Tipplers for long periods of sustained flights in attempts to make or break time flying records. This belief together with the time-consuming efforts required to maintain a kit of Tipplers in top competitive flying condition, has in my opinion discouraged many potential Tippler fanciers from taking up the sport.

In order to dispel this false belief and help further the advancement of the Tippler sport, knowledgeable Tippler breeders should make an effort to promote and make known other desirable aspects of the Tippler sport which can offer a good deal of en-

joyment and satisfaction without becoming involved in the highly complicated and sometimes frustrating management of competitive Flying Tipplers.

These other known aspects of the sport have been regrettably neglected for too long a period of time and should now be immediately cultivated in order to create broader interest and increased activities within the Tippler sport. Creating a broader conception of the Tippler sport is sure to attract many more Tippler fanciers to the sport than would be possible by stressing only the competitive flying end of the sport.

One aspect of the Tippler sport showing great possibilities and well worth cultivating, is the flying of Tipplers for personal pleasure. Although this activity has become quite widespread in this country, little or no support or recognition has been given personal pleasure flying in past articles written on Flying Tipplers. Due to the uncomplicated and much simpler methods required for flying Tipplers for personal pleasure, a better image of the sport could be created by this aspect, resulting in a greater acceptance of the breed by other pigeon fanciers.

Many beginners enter the sport with the immediate intention of flying in competition flying contests, only to be deeply disappointed when their birds fail to fly from sunrise to sundown, though they have neither the ability or know-how to be able to fly them even for several hours at a time. The experiences they could have gained in handling Tipplers in the easier and much more relaxed manner of the personal pleasure flyer would have prepared and conditioned them for the more complex training methods of the competition flyers.

The personal pleasure flyer enjoys high flying Tipplers but usually does not have the time nor patience to handle and fly his birds for the sus-

tained flights of the competition Tippler flyer. Since long time flying is of no immediate importance to the personal pleasure flyer, kits of 25 to 30 birds are flown to offer the most enjoyment. Smaller kits of 3 to 7 birds can fly for considerably longer periods of time than larger kits and are much preferred by the competitive type flyer.

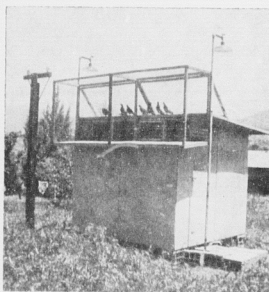
Well-bred Flying Tipplers have a natural inbred ability for high and long flying. All that is required by the personal pleasure flyer to maintain these qualities is a little intelligence in the selection and mating of breeding stock and the rigid culling of undesirable birds. Properly bred Tipplers will respond most satisfactorily to the ordinary and common sense feeding and training methods of the personal pleasure flyer.

Another enjoyable aspect of the Tippler sport is the exhibition of birds at local and national pigeon shows. With a slow beginning over the past few years, this aspect of the Tippler sport is increasing in popularity and is proving to have a most desirable effect in further broadening the interest of the sport. The showing of Tipplers can be highly gratifying not only by winning of awards, but also by the many personal contacts with Tippler fanciers from other areas. There are two facets to this phase of the sport. One of the least popular is the showing of the strictly exhibition Tippler. This bird resembles the Flying Tippler quite closely in appearance but has lost all of its good flying ability due to the many years of selective breeding for refinements and showing purposes only.

The other facet of showing Tipplers and growing in popularity is the showing of the Flying Tippler. These birds are shown and judged under Standards reserved for Flying Tipplers only, and are judged for type, body conformation, feather coverage and physical condition and not necessarily for beauty of appearance, brilliant coloration and special markings, which is the case in judging strictly Show Tipplers. However enjoyable the showing of Flying Tipplers may be, it should not be carried to excess by irresponsible breeders who may be tempted to breed the Flying Tippler for showing purpose only, which could in time have a detrimental effect on the natural high and long flying ability of the Tippler pigeon, possibly resulting in the loss of the original purpose for which this pigeon was created. The possibility of deliberate tampering with the Flying Tippler for exhibition reasons is highly unthinkable to the true Tippler breeder, and should not be permitted to happen.

The showing of Flying Tipplers can be enjoyed, but in the best interests of the Flying Tippler sport, aerial ability should be of foremost importance in all breeding operations. There are qualified Tippler breeders in the sport who are capable of producing a combination flyer-show bird. These breeders should be commended for it requires a great deal of patience and perseverance to accomplish such a feat.

For those Tippler fanciers who pre-



JOE KELLEY'S TIPPLER LOFT

The Flying Tippler loft of Joe Kelley of Jamul, Calif. It shows traps, fly pen extended over the roof and the flood lights on each side. — Photo from Joe Kelley, Jamul, Calif.

for the competitive aspect of the sport, much material has already been written about this phase and may be found in back issues of the American Pigeon Journal. From my limited contacts with competition flyers has come the knowledge that well-bred Flying Tipplers, when flown and trained strictly to competition methods, will respond with an amazing

display of endurance time flying. The length of time flown will be limited only by the method used in training them. The flying of competitive Tipplers has been known to separate the "men from the boys" in the Tippler sport, and one of the greatest feelings of satisfaction that can be realized is when your Tipplers attain or break existent time flown records.

Tippler Memories Down Through The Years

By WILLIAM CONBOY, Patchogue, N.Y.

Ever since I can remember, I had a love for pigeons. I was about six years old and my mother took me to the Botanical Gardens in Brooklyn. I would sit and watch the pigeons for hours. When I was about 11 years old we moved to Long Island and I found a Bronze Tippler. His wing was frozen in the ice. I chipped the ice with my pen knife and took the bird home. I taped its wings up and it turned out that this was the beginning of my Tippler hobby.

After a few weeks I unbanded the bird and it could fly to the roof top. When it flew it made a flapping noise and as most kids would, I named my first bird "Flappy". There was a man in our neighborhood, George Wall, who I later found out was one of the founders of the American Flying Tippler Club. This man had Prud'homme strain of Tipplers. My friend and I would take care of his birds when he went out of town on business trips. In return for our little debt he gave us a pair of birds. He also gave us eggs, which we put under our birds and he later told us that these were from Fred Erbach's birds.

These young birds gave us many hours of enjoyment as we watched them fly. I raised this strain of birds till W.W. II. Then moving to a new location I could no longer keep birds for a number of years. During these years I always had one or two pet pigeons, but could not have a coop.

In the last three years I joined the American Tippler Union and through the guidance of the men in this club I acquired the Wilf Lovatt strain of Flying Tipplers. One of the club members loaned me one blue cock. I raised

quite a few using this bird as a base, and all the youngsters flew very good. Seeing what I could do with these cross youngsters I decided to purchase some pure bred Lovatts. I purchased seven more from Arthur Randall, a club member and neighbor, who I knew raised this strain.

The Wilf Lovatt strain which holds the world record for Flying Tipplers, flew 20 hours on June 22, 1963, in England. I now have some young pure Lovatt birds which I will fly in competition next year.

This past year I have been forced to retire from my work on a disability pension and if it were not for this wonderful hobby I would have a lot of spare time on my hands. But as I spent my time today, I released my birds in the morning, watched them for a few hours, then had a lovely visit with my friend and fellow pigeon fancier Patrick Organ. He released 50 young Tipplers and this was a sight to behold as they soared gracefully into the sky. So I spent a wonderful day talking to Pat and watching the birds.

I just hope everyone that reads this can get as much enjoyment out of the hobby as I do.

Erbach's Feed-up Schedule For Three Birds

By NASSER SHIRAKBARI, Fort Smith, Ark.

The following "Feed-Up" schedule is being published in honor and memory of Fred Erbach, one of America's outstanding Tipplermen. On May 23, 1937, Fred Erbach flew a kit of three old hen Flying Tipplers 17 hours and 18 minutes. Fred passed away on November 25, 1969. As a tribute to Mr. Erbach, we are proud to present his feed-up released to the public in January 1967.

Tuesday Night — ½ egg-cup Hemp seed steeped in Paradise. Fill up on Corn 1 fob. Spoon salts in 3 pints of water.

Wednesday Morning — 1 egg-cup Nigger seed, 1 egg-cup Bread Cums or 1 egg-cup Rape. No drink.

Wednesday Night — 1 egg-cup White Canary seed, Clear water to drink.

Thursday Night — ½ egg-cup Nigger seed, ½ egg-cup Millet seed, ½ egg-cup Cake, 1 egg-cup White Canary seed, Parriahs 3 teaspoons to 1 quart of water.

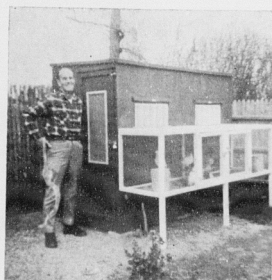
Friday Morning — ½ egg-cup Rape, ½ egg-cup Nigger seed, ½ egg-cup Cake, 1 egg-cup Millet. No drink.

Friday Night — 1½ egg-cup White Canary seed, ½ egg-cup Nigger seed, Parriahs 3 teaspoons to 1 quart of water.

Saturday Morning — 1 egg-cup Nigger seed. No drink.

Saturday Night 5 p.m. — 1½ egg-cup Rape and all the White Canary seed they can eat. Parriahs 3 teaspoons to 1 quart of water.

Sunday Morning 2 Hours Before Liberation — ¼ egg-cup Hemp, ¼ egg-cup Wheat or Nigger seed, 1 teaspoon Sweet Nix in 4 pints of water, or clear water to drink. Clear water preferred.



WM. CONBOY AND HIS LOFT
William Conboy of Patchogue, N.Y. and his Flying Tippler loft.

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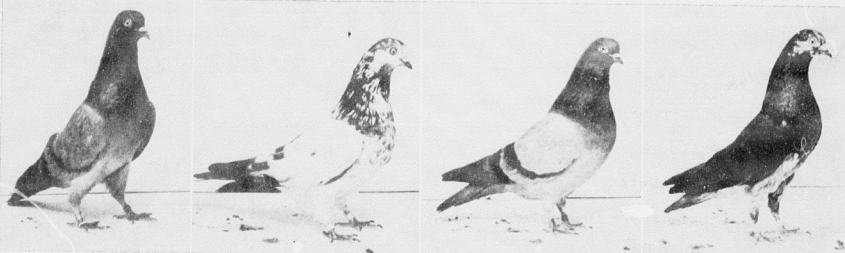
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Four Tipplers of the Baumgartner Strain

The four Tipplers constitute part of the show team of eight birds owned by Robert C. Kennedy of Deer Park, L.I., N.Y. This team shown since 1965 has won a total of 33 trophies including Grand Champion and Best Opposite Sex. All the birds are pure Baumgartner strain of Tipplers. First bird, Blue Bar Cock, FTA-67-741, second bird, Light Grizzle Hen, ATT-68-513, third bird, Blue Bar Hen, FTA-67-712, fourth bird, Bronze Mottle Hen, ATT-68-739. — Photos from Vic Jendzo, Huntington Station, L.I., N.Y.

The Story of Ed Baumgartner

By ROBERT C. KENNEDY, Deer Park, L.I., N.Y.

I am writing this article to tell of a man who has helped many interested fanciers get started with Flying Tipplers.

Ed Baumgartner who lived in Hicksville, Long Island, New York, was known as Flying Tippler Flyer. He kept and bred Flying Tipplers only. He was well-known throughout the New York area. His birds were always in demand, and it was not unusual for an interested fancier to place an order and then have to wait a few weeks till the youngsters were ready. I might add that Ed was always ready to help the interested fancier.

Ed first started to breed Flying Tipplers around 1938. The exact source of where he got his original breeding stock is unknown. I obtained birds from Ed in 1959, but was unable to find the source from which he had purchased them. Till this day I'm still trying to find out. (Maybe some of the old flyers in the New York area might know.)

Ed had his loft located on top of a three-car garage in back of his home located at Hicksville, Long Island, New York. The loft was not considered big by any means. It was always kept very neat and clean at all times. The loft contained 15 pair of breeders. Ed was a fellow fancier who did not believe in overcrowding his birds. In fact, Ed would only keep a few youngsters for breeding purposes and the rest were sold to interested fanciers.

The strain of birds that Ed kept were very alert looking and always had the appearance that they were ready to fly. I might add that Ed culled very heavy and only kept the best flyers. If a bird didn't come up to Ed's standard, the bird would be eliminated.

The strain of Tipplers that Ed had came in a wide variety of colors. They came in the following colors: red, yellow, blue, black, dun, dun print, grizzle, mottles, chucks, and silver. When you entered Ed's loft, you were amazed to see all of the above men-

tioned colors.

Ed's Tipplers as a rule were on the large size but were excellent flyers. The body structure was well put together and in proportion to the size of the birds. The wings of these pigeons were really something to see. The secondary feathers were very broad. The primary feathers were very long and broad and had very good coverage.

To this day a lot of Ed Baumgartner birds are still around and some fellows are using them in competition. I still have some of the original birds that I purchased off Ed back in 1959.

They are still breeding but they have slowed down in their flying. They still breed fine flyers and they were instrumental in the foundation of my loft and that of other fanciers' lofts here in New York and across the country.

Ed had to dispose of his birds in 1961 due to a house that was sold located next door to him. It took a lot out of Ed and Ed died shortly after the disposal of the birds. Ed never did fly his birds in competition, but some of us who did purchase birds from him flew in competition and did fairly well. He was a great man and I wish he could see what his birds have accomplished in recent years. Ed Baumgartner was truly a credit to the Tippler Fancy.

Extra Pleasure For Tippler Flyers

By JOHN J. GALLAGHER, North Bergen, N.J.

As a breeder of short face pigeons and also a pigeon flyer, I have tried many breeds of long face pigeons. I raise short face Helmets, short face Baldheads and long face Baldhead Caps which I have been using for foster feeders. The Baldhead Caps are very pretty birds and I have them in all colors. They make good feeders and fly a little. But they do not fill

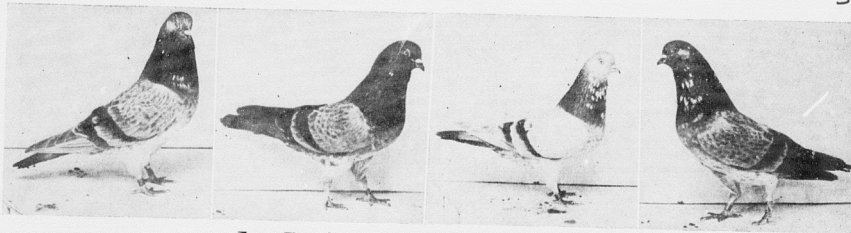
the bill for the flyer who wants birds to fly high and long with little effort.

Several years ago I got my start in Tipplers from a friend of mine, Harold Bardroff of North Bergen, New Jersey. I was at his loft watching his birds fly when I realized the long face Tipplers were for me. Harold told me to give him a string of bands and he would band all the youngsters I



American Tippler Union Lawn Show

Members of the American Tippler Union and the Delaware Valley Pigeon Tippler Club at the 1971 American Tippler Lawn Show held at the home of Pat Organ, Ramothoma, N.Y. Second picture shows Mickey Conticchio judging the Tipplers. Looking on, left to right, Art Hamblitt, Sis Organ and Robert C. Kennedy. — Photos from Robert C. Kennedy, Deer Park, L.I., N.Y.



Four Tipplers of the Baumgartner Strain

The four Tipplers constitute part of the show team of eight birds owned by Robert C. Kennedy of Deer Park, L.I., N.Y. All birds are pure Baumgartner strain of Tipplers. First bird, Dun Grizzle Cock, FTA-67-714. Second bird, Blue Grizzle Cock, FTA-67-764. Third bird, Dun Grizzle Hen, FTA-67-744. Fourth bird, Blue Grizzle Cock, FTA-65-140. — Photos from Vic. Jendzo, Huntington Station, L.I., N.Y.

wanted in his loft. Harold and his wife run a shipshape loft and did a good job of breeding, training, and hand picking their Tipplers, which I think is a must for success in any loft. Since then Harold has sold me all his Tipplers and gone into Homer racing. I understand they are doing a good job in that too.

I do not claim to be an authority on long face Tipplers or a time flyer, as I fly too many birds at one time to fly that long. Also my short face birds take up a lot of my time during breeding season.

The extra pleasure I get out of my Tipplers is tossing them. I like to stay at my loft and watch them come in out of the clouds after someone takes them for a ride and releases them. My wife usually gets that job.

Sometimes on the week-end five or six of us get together and we have a big toss. By that I mean each flyer takes his birds in carriers to a loft where a fellow flies a few hundred birds or more, with his permission of course. After he puts off his birds and has them flying good, we open our carriers and release our birds. Several

trips like this eliminates all the dumb birds or bad flyers and leaves the breeder with good smart flyers for the next breeding season.

Some of us have different opinions on the type of Tipplers or color to fly. But we all agree that the long face Tipplers are the birds for long, hard, high flying. I prefer a bird of medium size, a little long and lean, with a long thin beak, or as we say, built like a jet. My favorites are birds almost all white with colored tips and tail, but I have them in all colors. If you go into yellows or yellow mottles, you have to have a little patience training them as they seem to mature a little slower.

Anyone who has a love for flying birds or a place to fly should not pass up the opportunity to get some Tipplers and try them. I am sure after a fair trial he will agree with me.

Most pigeon men seem to like a variety of breeds and color. And I guess it is a good thing or we would not have all the different breeds or pretty colors. So whatever breeds or colors you like, Good Luck with your hobby.

Rounbeher was there talking Tipplers. It was a pleasure to meet Joe in person because we wrote to each other and talked on the phone. The Delaware club has a top notch photographer in John Smith. I think he now has the name Mr. Polaroid. There were a few more fellows from the Delaware Club but their names have slipped my mind at the present time. It was real nice of the Delaware boys to show up and we really enjoyed having them at our Lawn Show.

I would at this time like to thank some of the people who helped make this show what it was.

Art Randall was the Show Secretary and he really had his hands full that day of the show. Art saw to it that things went smoothly and with no problems. Might add that Art donated a bushel of clams for the show.

Charlie De Fazio and Stan Ogozalek were the food men. They saw to it that all who attended were well fed. Charlie and Stan are partners in the Flying Tipplers and they fly under the name of Sky High Loft. At this show they won their first trophy as partners.

Clarence Williams supplied the liquid refreshments. Clarence is one of our newer members and he jumped right in to lend a helping hand. He can be counted on whenever someone needs a hand with his birds. Thanks, Clarence.

Bill Conboy of Patchogue, Long Island, New York, secured most of our door prizes. I believe Bill managed to get eight door prizes in all for our raffle. It took a lot of time and required putting many miles of traveling to get these door prizes for the club. Thanks, Bill.

Last, but by no means least, we the members of the ATU would like to thank Pat Organ and his daughter, Sis, for opening their home and grounds to us. You always can be sure of a warm welcome when stopping in to see Pat and his daughter.

That's about all the highlights of the American Tippler Union Lawn Show for 1971. Next year we will strive to make the show bigger and better, but we will have to go quite a ways to better the fine time we had this year.

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American Tippler Union Lawn Show

By ROBERT C. KENNEDY, Deer Park, L.I., N.Y.

On June 27 the American Tippler Union held its Annual Lawn Show at the home of Pat Organ, Ronkonkoma, Long Island, New York. Entered in the show were 111 Flying Tipplers. It was the largest entry that the American Tippler Union ever had at a lawn show. Preparation is now in progress to see if the show will be bigger next year. The 111 Flying Tipplers that were shown were of very high quality. The judge was sure to have his work cut out for him.

The judge at the show was Mickey Conticchio of Jersey City, New Jersey. The judging started at 1 p.m. and continued on until about 5 p.m. when the winners were picked. Mickey did a splendid job and the members would like to thank him at this time. Once again, Mickey, the members would like to thank you for a job well done.

The first place winners were as follows: The Old Cock Class, 35 cocks shown; E. and W. Buraczewski, also Best of Show, Solid Black, ATU-69-

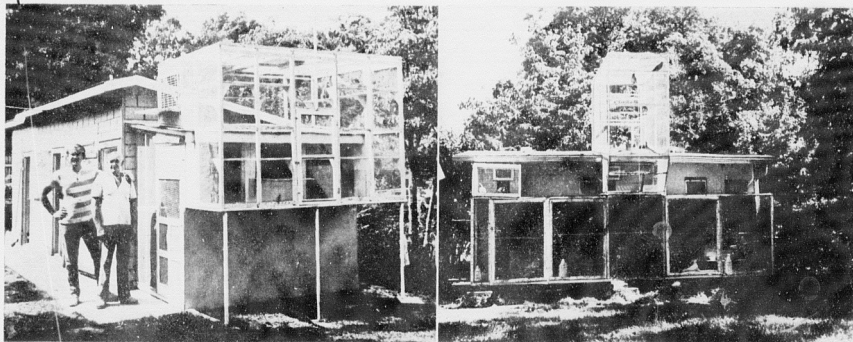
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The Old Hen Class, 32 Old Hens shown; Bob Kennedy, Bronze Mottle, ATU-68-759.

The Young Bird Class, 44 Young Birds shown; Art Randall, Dun Grizzle, ATU-71-232.

Our wonderful host added to the excitement of the day when he decided to show us how his family of fine Flying Tipplers would fly. Pat released a kit of 40 Tipplers for us to observe. The birds upon release started to climb immediately. After a few minutes of climbing they were observed very high and raking across the sky. Pat really put on a show for us and it will long be remembered.

We of the American Tippler Union were glad to have the members of the Delaware Valley Flying Tippler Club in attendance. The club was formed a little while ago and we hope we will be able to have them at next year's show. Ed Young, their Secretary, was there and we had a long chat concerning club matters. Joe



Two Attractive Tippler Lofts

First picture shows E. and W. Buraczewski and Flying Tippler loft at Huntington Station, L.I., N.Y. Second picture shows Victor Jendzo's Flying Tippler loft at Huntington Station, L.I., N.Y. — Photos from Vic. Jendzo, Huntington Station, L.I., N.Y.

The Construction of a Flying Tippler Loft

By ROBERT C. KENNEDY, Deer Park, L.I., N.Y.

When constructing a loft for Flying Tipplers, several factors should be kept in mind before one is ready to start the actual construction of the loft. The price of the loft will probably be the number one factor. The cost of building materials has risen so much in the last few years that any fancier who intends to construct a loft should check building material prices.

Another factor that you should give consideration to is what size loft you intend to build. The size of the loft should be large enough to meet your needs. The fancier should take into consideration how many birds he intends to house in the loft, without overcrowding. By doing this, the fancier will get a pretty good idea as to how large a loft he will have to construct.

Last, but by no means least, the fancier must try to picture what the loft will look like upon completion.

The loft should be a credit to the fancier and not an eyesore. Fanciers should take into consideration the people living around him. If the loft is built well and has a nice appearance, chances are none of his neighbors will complain. On the other hand, if the loft looks like an eyesore and is crudely built, you can be sure you are going to have troubles.

The construction of a Flying Tippler loft should warrant consideration because unlike many other breeds, the Flying Tippler requires a loft with some special features that other breeds do not. Before starting to build my own loft, I gave it a lot of serious thought, and I also made a set of plans so I would actually have something to follow.

The interested Tippler fancier should plan a loft which will have at least three partitions. The reason for this is that the fancier will be able to have a section for breeders, kit

birds, and young birds. Also, the sections will be useful when the sexes are separated after the breeding season.

Actual Construction

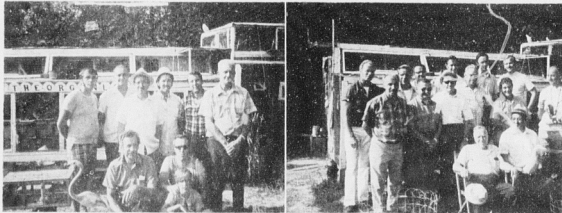
1. Where is the loft to be situated on your premises? This is very important because of the weather factor. Here on the East Coast we always try to face our front of the loft to the South. Much of our bad weather comes from the North. Another point is that the birds get plenty of sunshine, which they seem to like.

2. The platform of the loft. My loft is so constructed that I have a platform on cement blocks. It is a good idea to pour pillars (which I unfortunately did not do). The reason for the platform was to elevate the loft off the ground at least 18". This allows air to circulate under the loft and helps towards a drier loft. The platform should be built sturdy because it has to hold a lot of weight. My platform is 10' x 14'. I used 2 x 6 beams and 3" tongue and groove sheathing. The platform should be braced. I placed the beams 16" on center. Once completed, the platform will hold the loft you intend to build.

3. Framing the loft. When framing the loft, the fancier should use at least 2" x 3" studs. They should be placed 16" on centers. In some instances, heavier studs might be required if the fancier goes to a larger loft. Windows and door openings should be framed before sheathing is applied.

4. Sheathing. Tongue and groove or plywood can be used as sheathing. It's up to the fancier which he prefers to use. I would suggest using at least 1/2" plywood, if plywood is to be used. It should be nailed every 6". When tongue and groove sheathing is used, it should be two-nailed when it is applied to the studs.

5. The roof. Perhaps the most important part of the loft. Its job is to keep the elements out of the loft. When the fancier has completed framing and sheathing the loft, the next step is the application of the



American Tippler Union Lawn Show

Members of the Delaware Valley Region Flying Tippler Club attend the American Tippler Union Lawn Show, held at the home of Pat Organ, Ronkonkoma, N.Y. Seated: Ed Young, Joe Czop, Henry Blamfield, and Frank O'Keefe. Second picture shows members of the American Tippler Union at the lawn show at the home of Pat Organ, Ronkonkoma, N.Y. Seated left to right: Lou Wolfe, Pat Organ. Standing first row left to right: Mickey Contichio, Bob Lucas, Walter Buraczewski, a visitor, Charlie DeFazio, Vic. Jendzo. Second row: Don Zine, Artie Randall, Robert C. Kennedy, Marj Randall, Stan Ogozalek, and Eddie Buraczewski. — Photos from Joe Rounschler, Philadelphia, Pa.

roof. Shingles may be used if the pitch of the roof is more than 4". Would suggest using a seal-down type of shingle. These are good because they will not be ripped off in high winds.

If the roof has a pitch of less than 4", I would suggest that you use rolled roofing. The rolls usually have a selvage of 17". It should be applied with liquid tar. No nails should be showing. The way to do this is to nail the top of the sheet only.

When applying the roof, the fancier should, at the same time, install roof vents. They are very important because they help to remove stale air in the loft. You should have at least two vents to insure a proper flow of air throughout the loft. They should be positioned near the highest point of the roof.

6. Siding. A wide variety of materials can be used for siding. I prefer asbestos, but the fancier should use any material he wishes. Before applying the siding, the fancier should apply 15 lb. felt. If the fancier lives in a very cold climate, I suggest he use 30 lb. felt. It will help keep out really cold weather.

7. Fly pens. When constructing the fly pens, I used 2" x 2" cedar. Before applying the screening, I framed out the fly pens and applied a coat of linseed oil. It helps to prevent the wood from deteriorating rapidly. After this, I started to apply the screening. First, I applied the bottom of the fly pen. I used 1/2" screening. The reason I used 1/2" screening is that the birds walk more upon this screening. It also allows the droppings to fall through. It helps to prevent sickness. For the front and sides of the fly pens, I used 1" x 2" screening. After this had been done, I painted the whole fly pen to give it a finished look.

8. Landing screen. The Flying Tippler should have a landing screen. This screen should be constructed so that it is higher than the roof of the loft. The reason behind this is that the birds will use this screen to drop in on. It should contain a set of bobs or a trap door so they gain entrance to the loft when they drop in. The top of the landing screen should be covered with 1/2" wire screen. Some fanciers cover the top of the screen with plywood or tongue and groove cathing, but I prefer screening because it allows snow and rain to drop through.

Interior of the Loft

The interior of a Flying Tippler loft should be partitioned into three sections; one for breeders, one for young birds, and one for kit birds.

The nest boxes of a Flying Tippler loft need not be very large. I prefer a nest box 12" x 16". Some fanciers prefer a larger nest box and it is up to the individual as to what size he prefers. Nest fronts give a neat appearance to the interior of the loft and the birds like them. I like them because it aids in mating up pairs of birds and it affords the birds a quiet place in which to breed their young.

Box perches should be installed in each of the three sections of the Tippler loft. The reason for this is that the birds have a place to perch when



Louis Wolfe and His Flying Tippler Loft

Louis Wolfe, American Tippler Union Secretary, is shown standing in front of his Flying Tippler Loft at Merrick, L.I., N.Y. — Photo from Vic. Jendzo, Huntington Station, L.I., N.Y.

they are not breeding. In the case of the young bird section, I have installed enough box perches to insure that each bird has a place to perch. The box perches should be at least 10" x 10" for Flying Tipplers. I prefer them 12" x 12". They should be constructed with 1" x 4" lumber.

The kit section of the loft should be constructed so that each bird will have a separate box that it can be placed in after a training flight. The box should be constructed so that the birds cannot see one another while in the loft. The fronts can be made of dowel or screen. Provisions should be made on the front so that feed and water cups can be placed on them.

Every Flying Tippler loft should

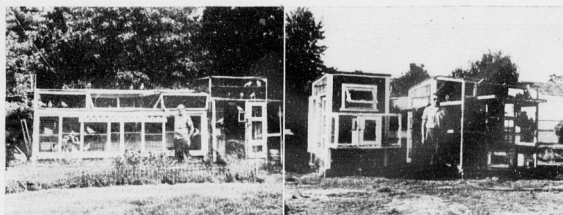
have some sort of electricity. The reason for this is that the Flying Tippler fancier who intends to fly in competition will have to feed his kit birds by artificial light. Also, it helps to have electricity in the loft when the days get shorter and the fancier returns from work in the dark. By having light in the loft, the fancier has the opportunity to feed and water his birds.

I hope I helped in some way to describe how a Flying Tippler loft should be constructed. If any interested fancier has any questions concerning the building of a Flying Tippler loft, contact me and I will be glad to answer any questions you may have.



Psychedelic Flying Tippler Loft

Vincent Lombardo and his Psychedelic Flying Tippler Loft at North Bellmore, L.I., N.Y. — Photo from Vic. Jendzo, Huntington Station, L.I., N.Y.



Flying Tippler Lofts in Long Island

Two attractive Flying Tippler lofts in Long Island. First picture shows the loft of Patrick Organ of Lake Ronkonkoma, Long Island. Second picture shows the loft of Robert Lucas of West Islip, Long Island. — Photos from Vic Jendro, Huntington Station, L.I., N.Y.

Minimizing Settling Losses in Tipplers

By MICHAEL J. CONTICCHIO, Jersey City, N.J.

It has often been said that "young Tipplers are stronger on the wing than they are in the head", and I guess this statement quite adequately describes the dilemma that confronts the Tippler flyer as he goes about the annual business of settling young birds to the flying loft.

This undesirable imbalance is probably due to the fact that the Tippler, as a breed, has been so finely developed over the years as a flying machine that he is often able to exhibit strong flying ability at a very early age. The problem lies in the fact that a correspondingly early development does not take place in his capacity to learn, to experience, to home, and to otherwise evidence "good sense". This trait apparently develops at the same rate of speed normally found in other breeds. Obviously, this condition works to the disadvantage of the Tippler flyer and is usually reflected in settling losses.

A long range solution to this predicament would appear to be, breed "sense" into the young Tippler that will manifest itself when it is re-

quired, i.e., when the youngster is capable of strong flight. This thought is not so far fetched a possibility as it may seem to be, as Tipplers vary from type to type, from strain to strain. They also vary within a given family of stud. This is noticeable as some youngsters when lifting themselves from the roof top for their first serious go round in the air seem to show more "sense" than others in that they appear to make a greater effort to look over the surroundings, to stay close to the loft and to return to the roof top without assistance. Others will simply bolt (without provocation) and fly steadily away without so much as a "by your leave". It would appear then, that selective breeding could assist in correcting this imbalance in future generations.

What can be done now that will help? Let us look (in abbreviated terms) at the more commonly employed methods of settling youngsters in use today. Starting with No Control (No. 1) and progressing up the ladder to the Very Tight Controls exemplified in No. 5.

No. 1. — Put the young birds out on the roof top for a period of time each day ranging from minutes to all day. The starting age of the youngsters varies from three to five weeks. This is continued on a daily basis until the birds commence to fly and either become settled or fly and become a settling loss.

No. 2. — Same as No. 1 except that Droppers accompany the youngsters on their excursions to the roof.

No. 2 (a) — Same as No. 2 except that the owner makes an attempt to keep the young Tipplers close to the loft by working the Droppers.

No. 3. — Allow the four to five week old youngsters daily access to the roof via a screened-in cage but not allow them their liberty until around eight weeks of age (the age of reason?).

No. 3 (a) — Same as No. 3 but with the use of Droppers.

No. 3 (b) — Same as No. 3 (a) but with the flyer working the Droppers during periods of liberation.

No. 4. — Same as No. 3 but tying up four or five flights on one wing

at liberation time to slow the bird down or otherwise retard his flying capability.

No. 5. — Same as No. 3 but allowing the birds their liberty one at a time instead of as a group and also utilizing Droppers.

No. 5 (a). — Same as No. 5 but with four or five flights tied up on one wing only.

Feeding quality and/or quantity is also a variant that is applicable to each of the above methods and differs from fancier to fancier. The feeding routine which consists of low quality and of low quantity (simultaneously) is of course the most stringent method of hunger control in use aside from using no feed at all.

Which of the above methods is best for you? This would depend a great deal upon factors such as loft location, strain characteristics, time available, etc. A loft ideally located in open country (no buildings or trees nearby) with good visibility in all directions would probably do well with method No. 1 or any other. The advantageous location of the loft alone would be sufficient to minimize losses.

But as the location of the loft progressively worsens toward the opposite end of the spectrum or flying from a "hole", more stringent methods would probably become necessary. Perhaps as stringent as Method No. 5(a). A "hole", by the way, can be described as loft surrounded by tall, close buildings or trees which severely obscure visibility in all directions. If the "hole" is also located in an area that is built-up, so much the worse for that particular loft.

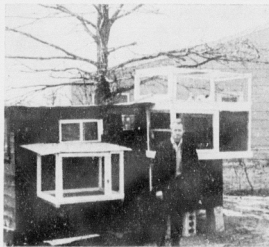
In any event, it will be up to the individual flyer to evaluate his own particular environmental conditions and to take into consideration the characteristics of his own birds when selecting a settling method. If the method selected proves to be unsuccessful, try another that exerts tighter controls and so on until losses are where you would like them to be. Zero is of course the ideal quantity to lose, but is difficult to attain for most flyers.

General Notes — (a) Some young-
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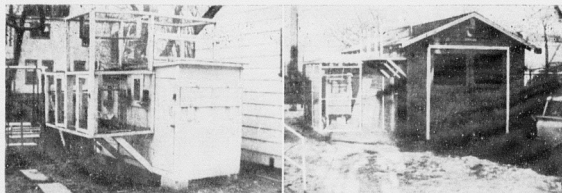
ED AND WALTER BURACZEWSKI

Ed and Walter Buraczewski of Huntington Station, L.I., N.Y. holding trophies won by them at the American Tippler Union Lawn Show. — Photo from Robert C. Kennedy, Deer Park, L.I., N.Y.



DON ZINE AND HIS LOFT

Don Zine in front of his loft at North Babylon, L.I., N.Y. Don recently started to keep Flying Tipplers and promises to be a keen fancier. — Photo from Vic Jendro, Huntington Station, L.I., N.Y.



Flying Tippler Lofts in New Jersey

Two attractive Flying Tippler lofts in Bloomfield, N.J. First picture shows the Flying Tippler loft of Mike Selter, second picture shows the Flying Tippler loft of Tony Schepke, both of Bloomfield, N.J. — Photos from Vic Jendzo, Huntington Station, L.I., NY

Memories of The Formation Of Brookside Loft

By LOUIS A. WOLFE, Merrick, L.I., N.Y.

My first Tiplers were from Fred Erbach, five pairs, three of the hens were full sisters to the three hens that Fred flew 17 hours, 18 minutes, for the North America endurance record of May 23rd, 1937. Pictured page No. 135, "The Pigeon", Wendell M. Levi.

My second Tiplers were from the loft of Sam Billingham, 66 Norton Ave., Gleadless, Sheffield, England. Originally they were imported from Sam by H. Davis, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. The original two pairs, plus a few youngsters, went to Jerry Smith, Chagrin Falls, Ohio. He lost most of the youngsters he raised. Eventually, Bill Hoffman, Baltimore, Maryland, secured the two pairs, plus a few youngsters. The Baltimore boys were on the same spot as all the others. Also, one of the original cocks got his head stuck in the water container on the train, while en route between Smith's home and Baltimore, and drowned. Bill, and his partner, had no luck settling youngsters, nothing but lost birds, plus the fact that Sam Billingham would not answer letters addressed to him, because H. Davis had not paid him about 7 pounds for express charges when he sent the birds to Liverpool, the point of shipping.

A young, English war bride married into the family through marriage to a distant relative serving in England. In the meantime I had purchased the Blacks from Bill Hoffman, original remaining imports (three), plus two youngsters. Joyce, the English war bride, plus a food package that she prepared, and a little note to the effect that I was a regular guy, broke the ice. Two days before Christmas I received a cable: "Here I sit partaking of the goodness of Lou Wolfe, letter will follow, Sam Billingham." From that point on we developed a wonderful friendship. He let me in on all his secrets. I kept on sending him parcels. Sam's health was not good but what a wonderful friendship we had! The food packages kept on going over, and his letters of instructions coming back. In the year 1950 went the time of 11:07, aggregate time 44:27 minutes in a fly series. Sam's health steadily grew worse, and the

time came that if Tiplers are flown in Heaven, it would not be long until he was showing how it should be done.

My third period of Tiplers was one of combining and crossing the best of the Fred Erbach and Sam Billingham Blacks, letting Nature, who can be the roughest judge who should serve, plus giving away fine Tiplers that were too plentiful to keep. A lot of fine Tiplers were in the hands of those who appreciated what they represented, others did not, or were not informed or too lazy, or busy, to bring out their potential. Myself, I was too busy in my line of business to find the time to mate cock or hen with whom I thought would produce the best. The crossing of these two strains produced beautiful, healthy Tiplers, proven not by proper training, but by over-flys after long periods. I remember one day in the late summer, about five years ago, no special training, regular feed, that my breeders were eating, one fly in which I had taken 14 youngsters, put them out together and gradually they were flying in a fine close kit, so close in fact that when they were at a nice height, by extending your arm full length, closing your fingers, they were not in your vision. Their flying time kept on increasing. Remember, this large kit was not under control. They were released shortly before 7:00 a.m. I am sure that it was at least a 13-hour period of flying when I could still see them in a kit. This is the kind of thing that separates the men from the boys. Over a period of four days, think I got 7 of them back. Some are still in the loft.

My fourth period of Tiplers was when my good friend, Ernest Loach, Secretary of NTU, our English Tippler Flying Men, 26 Francis Street, Derby, England, arranged to ship me two pairs of Tiplers. One pair was from the loft of George Marlowe and a pair of Gordon Hughes. These Blues, handled and flown by these gentlemen, have pushed very close to record time of 20 hours. This record has now been broken and is now 20:02. My good friend, Ernest, who incidentally has been for the last few years an Honorary Member of American Tip-

pler Union, Inc., will set me straight on these record holders' names.

My fifth period in Tiplers called for a lot of thought and study, and working. Fred Erbach's strain, which had been merged with the Sam Billingham Blacks. They produced Blacks and Black Mottles. These have been combined with George Marlowe's and Gordon Hughes' Blues, and have produced youngsters, both Blues and Blacks that never jump down from where they are perched, but fly down ever so gently, as though they were coming in from a fly. I think the good Tippler flying man knows what I mean.

My sixth period is how to get them out and on the wing, meaning the 1971 youngsters. Some of these, most in fact, are so fully developed that a sensible Tippler man would hesitate to let them out. But the chance must be taken. My hope is that I can hold down the losses.

I have nothing in my loft that is for sale, so if you should be interested please do not write about acquiring any of these Tiplers, or any bird from me. This is not meant to give the impression that I am an impolite, hard-nosed fellow, but I did suffer a stroke and seeing a kit of Flying Tiplers on the wing will occupy all my time. Good Flying to all.

My Experience With Tiplers

By STANLEY OGZALEK, Jersey City, N.J.

About a year ago, I had a small stock of Canadians (a local nickname) circling overhead. I enjoyed watching them fly high but they never flew long enough for me. Then after reading about the time flying record of 20 hours held by Mr. Lovatt's strain of Tiplers, I decided to buy some Tiplers from a proven strain.

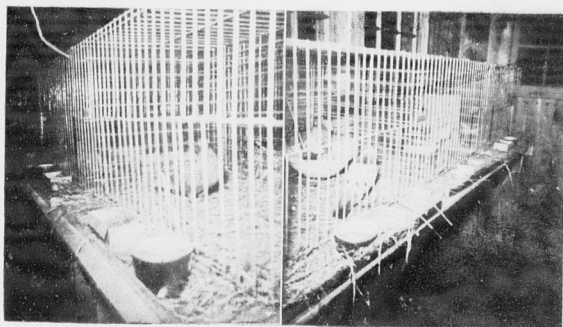
I joined the FTA and received a list of a few of the local breeders. Mickey Conticchio happens to live in the same city. Mickey, with his knowledge of Tiplers, gave me some helpful hints and some constructive criticism. He introduced me to Charles De Fazio and together we built "Sky-High Loft". At present, we are experimenting with a few different strains to improve our flying time. Our Tiplers fly from five to ten hours.

Needless to say, my partner and I enjoy watching our Tiplers fly high and long.



FRED ERBACH and STANLEY KOZANECKI

The late Fred Erbach (left) and Stanley Kozanecki of Muskegon, N.Y., holding the three birds that flew 17 hours and 18 minutes on May 23, 1937. — Photo from Nasser Shirakbari, Fort Smith, Ark.



Breeding Coops for Tipplers

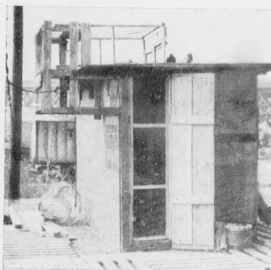
These two pictures show the breeding coops of Locust Flying Tippler Loft, owned by Pere Hagan, Travelers Rest, S.C. Double collapsible cages 18 x 36 inches are used for breeding. Underneath a 22 x 34 inch non 1 1/2 inches deep is used. The cages are raised above ground by use of a frame built from 2 x 2's and 22 inches long. By this method, all spillage of feed, water, and droppings is caught in the pans well padded with hay. When they appear to need cleaning, a spare pan with clean hay is fixed, removing the old and sliding in the new. If birds have young or on eggs, this does not disturb them with a quick switch. The feed, water and grit are outside the cages and are kept clean. This method of breeding has proven very successful for Mr. Hagan. — Photos from Pere Hagan, Travelers Rest, S.C.

The Club Concept For High Flying Tipplers

By PERC HAGAN, Travelers Rest, S.C.

May I introduce myself to the API readers as a long-time admirer, fancier, and breeder of High Flying Tipplers. This started at the age of about 14 years and has brought endless hours of pleasure through the years, to my present age of 59.

Having enjoyed Flying Tipplers as a boy in Canada, naturally, I have had many interruptions. When I left Ontario and moved to New York, I was in the job improvement and getting married era; then 2 1/2 years with the U.S. Engineers in Europe, World War Two; then back to Brooklyn after the war and a move to upper South Carolina. In the interim when I couldn't keep birds, I always visited fanciers and looked forward to the day when I could get settled and have a loft again.



SKY-HIGH TIPPLER LOFT

Sky-High Tippler loft of C. DeFazio and S. Ozozalek of Jersey City, N.J. — Photo from Vic Jendzo, Huntington Station, L.I., N.Y.

This background gives me some authority to discuss the following subject of Tippler club activity in the same concept as a golf club, hunting club, amateur flying club, where you have a meeting place for members and their equipment. If you like horses, you can't keep them at home. You can't have your own golf course. You can't fly a plane from your back yard. With ordinances getting stricter, you can't have pigeons in your own yard in many areas.

I know of countless dedicated Flying Tippler men who have had to give up pigeons because of ordinance regulations or very difficult neighbors. For reasons of employment, dedicated Flying men have had to give up their birds and move to areas or homes not open and suitable for this type sport.

Nevertheless, the bug keeps gnawing away at them. I wish I had a dollar for every man-hour Tippler men have spent dreaming, wishing it were possible to have a job and a home with a nice back yard; then you go back to sleep with the thought, what the heck, my job comes first, maybe someday. This idea may be your solution.

Every community has a large open lot or field out a way from the congested area. One of your members may have an ideal location that could be rented. If you go to the country, find an elevated open area, preferably on the west side of a knoll, so that the community loft is visible and in the light of the setting sun.

In choosing a site, be sure it will be available for several years. You will be training your young birds to fly from this location. With the diver-

sified talents and occupations, it should be no trouble to pool talents of members and build a suitable community flying club loft.

In arranging the interior, you would have three types of areas. Permanent quarters for men that would keep their stock there, breed, train, and fly from there. Members that would breed at home, but don't have a suitable area to fly from. These men would bring youngsters as squeakers and train from the club area. Then you will need boarding coops for fellows that get sick or go away on business or vacation.

Someone could be hired to care for these birds, clean, band, and care for them continually. How many times have I heard and uttered the same excuse; I just don't have time, especially at training time. This could be done on schedule. The loft could be spotless and birds in excellent health. I see tremendous advantages in this type club action.

1. A perfect location could be selected for High Flying Tipplers.

2. Old experienced members could get back into flying.

3. New people could get interested in flying.

4. A place to meet and fly; shoot the breeze; compare; pool ideas.

5. Ease of timing each other's kits.

6. In the event of illness, your birds would be properly cared for.

7. In bad weather your wife would be happy; no more wipe your feet, off, take off those dirty clothes, etc.

8. Lighting could be set up for late flying at one expense.

9. A word of caution: Don't use this as a hideaway. Harmony at home is a must. Install communication; let it be agreed where you are going and how long.

10. Birds and loft could be kept clean by a hired hand leaving the owners free for the pleasures of flying, grooming, etc.

11. Grain and general supplies could be purchased at a tremendous saving.

12. Costs could be on a base cost plus x cents per bird.

13. Your area club could possibly handle 5 to 15 members. If necessary, flying time became a problem, team flying could be worked out.

14. Kits trained separately and fed separately, will generally keep to themselves in the air. If you had several kits in the approximate same time flying ability, it would be a beautiful sight to turn them all loose on a week-end.

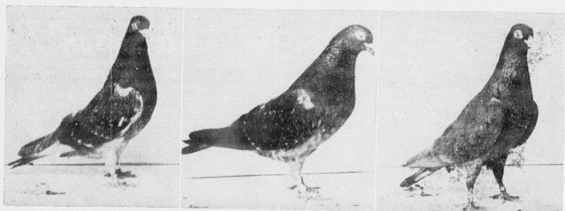
15. As we all know, youngsters have to be trained at the right time, released daily and watched. An ex-fan or elderly person familiar with Tipplers could be available for training.

16. This could be a haven for young boys, a place to go and enjoy a clean sport and keep out of trouble. Local people who prohibit back yard lofts and your civic people interested in kids would encourage this.

There are endless ideas and great potential pleasure and benefits to be realized from this type club, properly planned. If any one group wants to try an initial experiment, I will be pleased to hear from them.

Everyone looks for an escape, re-

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Three Tipplers of the Lovatt Strain

Here are three Tipplers of the pure Lovatt Strain, bred and owned by Robert C. Kennedy of Deer Park, L.I., N.Y. First bird, a Don Chequer Cock, ATU-69-362. Second bird, a Blue Chequer Cock, ATU-69-367. Third bird, a Red Cock, ATU-69-361. — Photos from Vic. Jendzo, Huntington Station, L.I., N.Y.

The Flying Tippler And International Fellowship

By ROBERT B. FUNK, Hialeah, Fla.

Throughout the many years, the wars, the unrests, there is one thing that has kept men from various nations with a kindred soul feeling. That is their common interests.

As minute as the pigeon may be in worldly affairs it is still a steel-like cable link between men of all nations, creeds and colors. Since I have devoted a part of my entire life to the Flying Tippler I can say without fear of contradiction, the Tippler shares in the strands of that cable link.

During my first years with this breed, William O. Harvey of Little Rock, Arkansas, was my idol and gave me many insights with this bird. Bill shared with me everything he had learned and in addition some correspondence he had received.

At present I'm looking at a letter of May 13, 1931, from James E. Graham, Toronto, Canada, addressed to William Harvey. It seems Bill had sent a money order to the Rev. Graham in the amount of \$40 for certain pair listings of Rollers. The reply, in part, "If I had known definitely what birds you would be wanting I could have held them, but as it was I had to let them go as the orders came in. The fancier who got the first three pair of Rollers is N. W. Graves, 105 N.W. First St., Miami, Fla. Very likely he would be glad to let you have some youngsters from them later on." Small world, isn't it?

Mr. Graham's letter goes on, "Last year the demand for Tipplers far exceeded that for Rollers, but this year it has been lighter and we still have our best birds left. If you care to leave your M.O. for \$40 with us I will send you the following Tipplers as listed: Pairs I, III, VI, and IX. As you can see, pairs I and III total \$40 in themselves and are worth far more than that, but we are willing to include the two pairs of young ones in order to make sure that you get a good start in this variety. Pair I is undoubtedly the finest and most costly pair of Flying Tipplers ever imported to this continent; they are sure winners wherever shown and grand birds for flying as well. Pair III are nearly as good, but being younger birds they have not had the

show record behind them that the others have had; by the end of this year I would consider them quite the equal of pair I. The young pairs I have selected are ones I should pick out myself for keeping. They are grand flyers, straight from the world's record holders of 19 hrs. 10 mins., and are lovely show type as well."

The pair listings given by Rev. Graham are as follows: "Pair I, Light Print Cock, NTU-1068-28. A grand big bird, fine feather and markings, a great sweep of skull, could stand as the ideal Tippler. 1st. Crystal Palace, 1928 and VHC 1930. Light Print Hen, NTU-6763-28. A beautiful show type hen, noted winner in England, including 3rd. Crystal Palace 1930. This pair are undoubtedly the two finest Tipplers ever imported to this side of the water."

"Pair III, Light Print Cock, NTU-226-30. A young cock, 2nd. Newcastle as a youngster and imported by us with this hen as a bird which will be even better when matured. Light Print Hen, NTU-234-30. Bred by Storey of Newcastle from the hen of pair I above and the old Sharrat cock which he (Storey) still owns. This pair will be second to none in the country when mature."

"Pair VI, Grizzle Cock, NTU-851-31. A lovely young cock from the cock of pair V and hen of pair II. (Pair V, Pure Rennison, Pair II, consistent winners at the Palace), Red Print Hen, NTU-859-31. cross breedings with pairs II and V."

"Pair IX, (which Harvey obtained were Rennison and Hall, blue and blue bar)."

The reason for the detailed quotations in this article is to further show you the willingness of a Canadian to supply great birds to a man in the United States. It further gives you an insight as to the type of birds in this country.

Rev. Graham banded with National Tippler Union bands bought from England. The series Graham had in 1931 was in the 800. I quote from my breeding records of 1935, Little Rock, Arkansas: Pair 4, Cock NPA-12285-31, Hen NTU-889-31, strain Rennison, out of Storey.

The related birds from Rev. Gra-

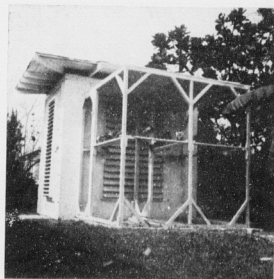
ham were also used to build the lofts of the late Doug. Prudhomme of Toronto and the late Nelson Balmer of Toronto, both gentlemen outstanding fly and show winners and record setters.

In the year 1934 I bought birds from Charles Burnell of 65 Holland Park Ave., Toronto, and here is a feed up Burnell shared with me: "Sunday night one teaspoon salts to pint of water. Monday night, do not fly, feed barley. Tuesday fly, at night feed wheat. Wednesday night, do not fly, feed barley. Thursday fly, at night feed wheat. Friday night do not fly feed barley. Saturday fly, at night feed wheat. Sunday do not fly, at night feed barley. Monday, fly, at night feed wheat with salts. Tuesday, do not fly, feed barley. Wednesday, fly, at night feed standard pigeon feed mixture. Thursday, do not fly, feed at night the canary seed type grains such as canary, rape, nigger, vetch. Friday, do not fly, feed at night same as Thursday. Saturday, release at dawn to see what the kit will do." The flying during the post race dates is exercise hours only.

This is just one sample of feeding. This is just one sample of the cooperation of fanciers in various nations to assist those of others. There are many feed-ups and the successful one for you will be the one that works best for you and only you can determine this by trial and error.

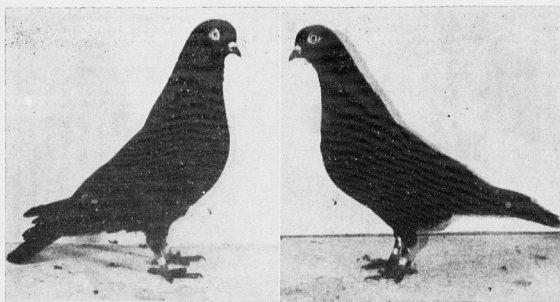
I have never written a Flying Tippler fancier in any country but that I have found a complete willingness to cooperate and share their knowledge. For many years this business of Flying Tipplers, or this Sport I should say, was considered a bag of tricks. There are no tricks involved. What is involved is a vast knowledge of all the facts put to work to the best advantage of the individual.

If you are looking for answers I'm sure you will find the same international fellowship I have found. The Flying Tippler Association of America is by standards a small organization. It is also by small standards, international. It is the only consistent organization in the United States since the year 1938. We invite membership the world over.



ROBERT FUNK'S TIPPLER LOFT

The attractive Flying Tippler loft owned by Robert B. Funk, Hialeah, Fla., President of the Flying Tippler Association of America. — Photo from Robert B. Funk, Hialeah, Fla.



Louis A. Wolfe's Black Flying Tiplers

First bird a Black Cuck, second bird a Black Hen. Both birds are crosses of three famous strains: Fred Erbach, Sam Billingham and George Marlowe. — Owned by Louis A. Wolfe, Merrick, L.J., N.Y.

Official Standard for the Flying Tippler

As Approved by National Pigeon Association

Beauty Features

Head (3 points) — Small with refined shape and appointments. Gracefully rising curve but no frontal bulge. Rounded rather than angular, with slight flatness permitted on top.
Neck (3 points) — Medium short, sharply tapered. Broad at shoulder, narrow at head. Tight and clean in front, no gullet.
Eye (3 points) — The "white" ("pearl", "gravel", etc.) type rather than the "color" (yellow, orange, red, etc.) series is desired.
Cere (3 points) — Fine and dark.
Beak (3 points) — Stout and medium small. Very dark.
Wattle (3 points) — Small, smooth and white.
Legs (3 points) — Short, red, free of feathers. Fairly wide-set with a rear placement.
Feet (3 points) — Small but strong. Red with dark nails. High-toed, upon-the-toes stance.
Color and Pattern (3 points) — In this sporting breed less importance is attached to this category than to any other. With no preference given to any color or pattern, credit should be accorded the success evident in approaching the pattern definition, and achieving richness of color.
Station (3 points) — Pronouncedly vertical rather than horizontal. Head up and back. More is to be expected of cocks in this matter.

Expression (3 points) — Smartness, eagerness, but not wildness should be dominant, with no suggestion of dull lack of interest.

Total of points for Beauty features 33 points
Plus total of points for utility features 66 points
Total 99 points

Cutting — Beauty features, having no great direct effect upon the working ability of the

pigeon, may be cut severely without disqualifying.

Utility Features

Condition (24 points) — Hard, firmly muscled. Light in weight for size. Clean and alert.
Wings (12 points) — Stress importance of secondaries. Broad flexible, overlapping feathers should be present, no gaps in the wings. Flights should be color tipped, carried out the tail, and give every sign of strength. Top line smooth and without "sag".
Tail (6 points) — Notably narrow, but capable of great expansion. Strong but resilient feathers. In entirety, small and light in weight. All feathers tipped with color.
Keel (4 points) — Shallow and long, for a Tippler not a Homer. Coming quite close to "fork" (vent end).
Fork (4 points) — Firm and close (to each other and to keel).
Back (6 points) — Broad at the shoulders, it tapers to a trim, strong rump to achieve the breed's powerful wedge shape.
Chest (6 points) — Broad and capacious, to accommodate the heart and lungs of a sporting pigeon. It should be big from side to side rather than projecting forward.

Total points for Utility features 66 points
Plus total points for beauty features 33 points
Total 99 points

Cutting — If any of the foregoing Utility features are "cut" to as low as 2/3 of the maximum number of points that are allotted to them (for example: 16 out of the 24 points for condition) then disqualification is automatic.
 (From "Showing the Flying Tippler")

Note — It is desired that this be a Standard of Perfection with 100 points, rather than a Standard of Excellence with 99 points, the needed "floating point" can be added to "condition".

Official Flying Rules For Tiplers

As Adopted by Flying Tippler Association of America

1. A. Each flyer to fly minimum of three (3) to a maximum of seven (7) Tiplers in "FTA," consecutive flights.
 B. The kit last on the wing to win, providing that there are no objections made against them (kit and/or flyer) and that they fly to the following rules.

C. The "FTA," will not designate an official starting time, but will leave this up to the option of the Local Club or Flyer. However, the Timer must be on hand to check band numbers of each kit bird and to observe the release.

D. All competing birds must be banded with a reputable size "A" seamless band showing the year, number and organization thereon, i.e., "FTA," "NPA," "APC," "UPF" or Local Club.

E. In Young Bird Series, only youngsters banded with "FTA" bands are eligible.

F. In Young Bird Series, any flyer found flying birds with stretched or tampered bands shall be disqualified.

G. Competition is not necessary in long time fly attempts; but, the flyer must inform the Central Timer of his intentions a minimum of five (5) days prior to the fly date.

H. Any flyer attempting a record fly must notify at least two (2) officers of his local club a minimum of five (5) days in advance of the fly date. The Local Club will appoint or sanction a Timer to judge this competition. The "FTA" would prefer the Timer be a member of the "FTA". Under these conditions only one (1) Timer is required at the start of and for the duration of said race; how-

ever, if the flying time is a goal one and it appears that a record might be broken a second approved Timer must be contacted and must be present and be briefed on the progress and details of the fly preceding his arrival. He must witness the conclusion of said race and check in the band numbers along with the original Timer. Under these conditions the signature of both Timers is required on the Flying Report. The conclusion of a long time race is a most crucial time and if a record is broken the second Timer is required. This will help dispel any discrepancies or doubts that arise.

I. All "FTA" Flying Rules must be observed for this fly to be taken under consideration for record.

J. If a record is broken, a detailed Flying Report must be turned in to the Local Club, and copies mailed to the "FTA" Central Timer and the Secretary within a 24 hour period following fly.

K. Said record fly does not become official until approved and sanctioned by the Local Club, and the "FTA" Central Timer and a majority of the Officers and Directors of the "FTA".

L. Under these conditions the complete Flying Report and details of the fly are to be published in the "FTA" bulletin and released to the American Pigeon Journal for the interest of our entire membership and that of the Pigeon Fraternity.

2. A. Kit to be liberated by no later than 10:00 a.m., on the morning of the fly and settled within the flyer's boundary, trapped and checked in by the Timer the same day. By checking in, Timer must compare the band numbers of each kit bird with those numbers taken at time of release.

B. Kit still on the wing at 12:00 Midnight will be considered still on the same fly day until dropped and trapped or disqualified for infraction of the flying rules.

C. Time to be taken when bird drops from kit without inducement, droppers put out or dropping lights put on.

D. Timer must judge from a location where he can see flyer's flying Journal and release. E. When first bird drops without inducement, droppers put out or dropping lights turned on, flyer has 10 minutes to settle and trap the entire kit or be disqualified.

F. Any breed other than a Tippler may be used as a dropper. No Tiplers shall be in flight area or fly pens or exposed to kit birds during the one (1) hour dropping period. Any bird or birds of any breed released to flyer's loft during fly day, time is to be taken and flyer disqualified.

G. A kit must be released within the flyer's boundary.

H. Flyer's boundary is 100 feet radius from center of flying kit.

I. Any bird settling within flyer's boundary at starting time, five (5) minutes from starting time shall be allowed flyer to set the wing again, should he fail to do so in the time limit he shall be disqualified.

J. Birds dropping outside of flyer's boundary, time is to be taken and flyer to be disqualified.

K. A. Any person frightening birds or causing them to be frightened or chased, either directly or indirectly, time shall be noted on Flying Report and a complete report of the incident shall be submitted to the Central Timer. The Timer shall, however, continue to time until the kit drops. Both times to be shown on Flying Report.

L. Should the Timer see just cause for disqualification, he must acquiesce the flyer, or his representative, of the reason, before leaving the premises.

M. Any Timer refusing to sign Flying Report, flyer may submit it to the Central Timer with a complete report by both the Flyer and Timer and the fly will be taken under consideration by the Officers and Directors if the Central Timer feels it merits their consideration.

N. The Timer is to have access to any location he is appointed to judge.

O. Any Flyer insulting or hindering the Timer in the execution of his duties shall be disqualified.

P. Any "FTA" or Local Club member may act as a Timer if familiar with the Flying Rules and not barred from flying or being a Timer by the "FTA" or Local Club, and approved by the Local Club.

Q. A Timer may be relieved at any time during the day, but must not leave until the relief Timer has arrived and been briefed and the band numbers of the kit given to him. Both Timers must sign the Flying Report and state time that the relief Timer took over.

R. A. The use of artificial lighting
 B. There shall be no use of artificial lighting of any type when releasing the kit in the morning.

c. The use of artificial lighting when dropping the kit after dark will be permitted under the following rules:

d. Any competitor's kit flying until dark (dark will be considered that period of time falling ten (10) minutes after official local Weather Bureau darkened time for Sunset) may continue to fly in competition as long as they can be seen once each hour flying as a kit.

e. If birds are seen split (odd ones) and are unrecognizable as a kit, take time and one (1) hour will be allowed to settle and trap them. Flyer may catch any bird actually roosting within the boundary.

f. If the kit is seen to be split up after dark, time is taken and one (1) hour is then allowed to drop and trap entire kit.

g. If a kit of birds go out of sight in dark and are seen to be split when they return, time is taken. The flyer has one (1) hour to get entire kit into loft, from when they are first seen to be split.

h. Birds are formed as still being a kit if they can all be seen in the dark at the same time, regardless of how far they are flying apart. No artificial lighting may be used for this task. Kit must be seen once each hour during dark flying.

i. When flyer wishes to drop kit, he must inform the Timer that he is going to turn on dropping lights and the Timer will take time.

j. The flyer will have one (1) hour from time lights are turned on to drop and trap kit. Flyer may catch any bird actually roosting within the boundary. If not done in time limit, flyer will be disqualified.

k. If the whole kit is seen together after the lights have been put on, time is to be taken when lights were first shown, even though birds have not been seen for sometime within the hour allowed.

l. The flyer may use all the lights at his disposal, not to exceed 1,500 watts of lighting, i.e. 15 one hundred watt bulbs, five three hundred watt bulbs, etc.

6. a. General rules, not covered completely by previous rules.

b. Band numbers of kit birds to be noted on Flying Report by the Timer before releasing kit.

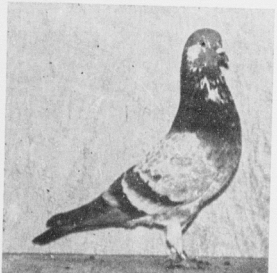
c. Upon being dropped and trapped, band numbers to be compared with forementioned list. If not identical, flyer to be disqualified.

d. Any Flyer's birds taking away from the sight of the Timer at any time during the first hour, they shall be allowed the remaining portion of the first two-and-one-half hours; but should they compare at any time after the first hour they shall be allowed only the balance of time up to the two-and-one-half hour limit.

e. For the remainder of the fly, all birds flying as a kit must be seen once each hour until settled and trapped, or be disqualified.

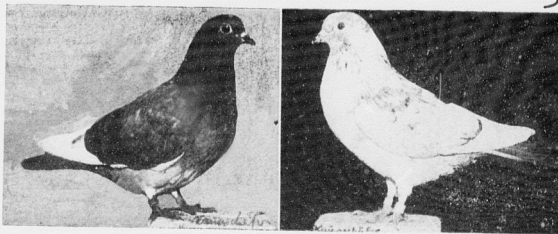
f. If kit is on a split during Daylight flying, flyer has thirty (30) minutes to decide whether he will drop his kit or take a chance on them settling together. If he drops them within the hour limit, he gets credit for the time flown up till the time dropper is released. If the kit does not drop, flyer is disqualified.

g. Should flyer decide to drop his kit, he must inform Timer of his intentions to do so, show him the birds or methods he intends to use as a dropper. If eligible to drop kit, time is to be taken when first dropper is released or lights turned on.



PRIZE WINNING FLYING TIPPLER

Band No. FTA-69-436, won 1st place Flying Tippler Old Cock at the 1971 Seattle Grand National. — Owned by Nasser Shirakbari, Fort Smith, Ark.



Two Good Flying Tipplers

First bird, a Tippler Hen owned by J. E. Van der Wol of Holland. Second bird, a Tippler Cock bred by Karl Krombach and owned by Heinz H. Kaupschaefer. — Photos from Heinz H. Kaupschaefer, Dorsen, West Germany.

b. If the flying time is exceptionally good and in any "ETA" race, a second Timer will be required for the conclusion of the race. In this way you will establish an acceptable record, i.e. Refer to Rule No. 1, Sections b, i, j, k, l.

1. No catcalls or whistles are to be attached to birds in the Flying Contest.

2. No one is allowed near the flying loft while the kit is flying, except with the permission of the Timer.

3. No flyer is to alter the appearance of his loft in any way within the seven (7) day period prior to the competition date.

4. Any nuisance belonging to the premises must not be allowed in the area during the race.

5. Any circumstances arising that are not governed by the foregoing rules, the Officers and Directors shall have full power to act thereon, and their decision in all matters will be final.

6. The Flying Report must contain the following information: Time flown, Starting time, Band numbers of each kit bird, Sex of each kit bird, Age of each kit bird. Any other information of interest, such as: Strain, Color, and anything unusual should also be noted.

7. One copy of the Flying Report should be submitted to the Local Club, and one copy to the "ETA" Central Timer. Those should be submitted either in person or by Air Mail within a 24 hour period following the fly.

To A Tippler Pigeon

By J. A. HARRINGTON

Tippler creature who scrapes the sky,

Tell me the reason you fly so high,

Tell feverish me who wants to know,

And those like-fettered with things below.

Tell us the answer, you frail young things?

I find myself looking and faltering,

"How can they do it, these frail young things —"

Robber and reel on new spring vines?"

Back of it all there must be a reason;

Trees never bloom nor bear save in season;

Sterile things "suddenly" spring into life

Peace clocks a world badly ruptured

with strife,

There must be a something, that makes

Tipplers strive

To climb through the clouds and return

alive.

Ask, energized me? I'm naught but a clot,

Who childishly loves to believe it is God,

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Club Concept for High Flying Tipplers

(Continued from page 502.)

laxation, get away from it all. The only true peace of mind, regardless of your job, problems, money, worry, is a close communication with Christ, through morning and evening prayer. Be guided through the Holy Spirit in every decision you make and encourage more respect for Sunday. Get yourself and family to Sunday School, Church, and related activities. Christian friends are jewels; be one and you'll find a thousand.

Get this true peace of mind and the sport and beauty of High Flying

Tipplers will take on a new meaning. You will see God so close in a tiny bird hatched, the wonder of its growth, instincts to fly, the beauty and wonder of the sky and clouds as you watch your flying kit. If you want peace of mind, give it a whirl. Good luck, whatever breed is your hobby.

Flying Tippler's Destiny

By Mrs. BETTY KAY SHIRAKBARI, Fort Smith, Ark.

Nothing can quite stir the heart

As when a Tippler does depart

And soars up through the heavenly skies

To disappear before your eyes,

Above your loft they fly and hover

So that soon you will discover

They give you the time of enjoyment

For which this sport and hobby was meant.

Most usually you fly with a kit of three

And these small birds find their destiny

To soar and glide and to endure

And you stand hoping this will ensure

That a race on this day you'll surely win

For you know your hopes on them depend.

You stand and stare and watch and wait

As each hour passes to determine your fate.

Today, oh today, will the record I beat

Will I go into victory or down in defeat?

But if they do not pass the test

You know that soon into the nest

Will hatch some strong and vibrant young

For you to put your hopes upon.

No hobby but this could give to you

Competition, satisfaction, and friendships,

too.

To experience this wonderful and amazing

event

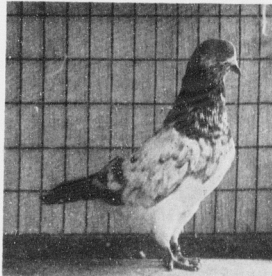
You'll never again be quite content

To keep your pigeons within a pen,

But rather return to each one of them

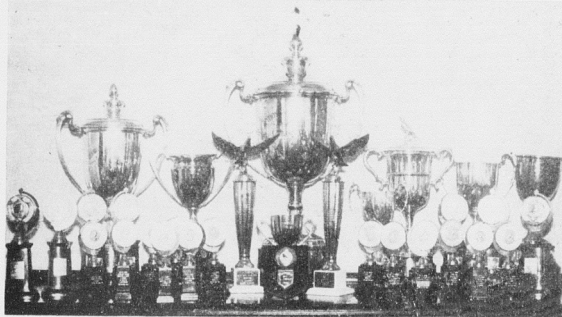
The wings that were given to them to fly

Hours and hours throughout the sky.



Flying Tippler COCK

Flying Tippler Cock owned by Robert B. Funk, Hialeah, Fla.



Cups and Medals Won By L. Curry, England

National Tippler Union, Bristol and District cups and medals won by L. Curry, Bristol, England. — Photo from G. A. J. Matthews, Bristol, England.

Bristol and District Flying Tippler Report

By G. A. J. MATTHEWS, Bristol, England

I have been a member of the Bristol and District Flying Tippler and West of England Tumbler Society for a little over ten years; the club being the largest in the world and certainly the club with the largest turnout on flydays with 40 to 50 members flying National. We have about 300 or more flying Tippler fanciers in Bristol, with two clubs at Southmead, one at Staple Hill and one at Knowle. Also, the Bristol Show Society and the Bristol and District which is the "Mother" club, and the most central.

As from last year, the National Tippler Union AGM will be held in Bristol, as most fanciers find it to their advantage, Bristol and Swansea

making up at least 70% of Flying Tippler Fancy. They find it easier to get from Swansea to Bristol than going to Birmingham.

I have kept pigeons since 1938 starting with Homing Pigeons and garden Fantails and West of England Tumblers, then Flying Tipplers, and quite a few of the Fancy varieties. My latest import is the Russian Flying Tumbler called Rzhev (ribbon tail).

In England we have the Show Tippler which is bred and shown to a Standard, the competition Flying Tippler and the exhibition Flying Tippler, which are too large for competition flying and bred only for showing. The main colors for this exhibition variety are light prints, mottles, and silvers, yellows, blue grizzles and silver grizzles. You also see the occasional red or black in the show pen.

When breeding with light prints of one family, after a few years, the print coloring tends to fade and become what we call washy. Most of the top fanciers in this country cross in dark mottles to keep the printing dark. But this only throws more light and dark mottles with near solid color to the neck which will eventually become black bell neck, with heavily mottled wings. These have to be plucked or trimmed for showing. I have found my own way more satisfactory. If I want the printing to become darker in my strain without the solid color, I breed back to blue grizzles which have been bred from prints. This will keep the neck, flights, and tail as it should be, and wings with no mottling showing except the odd one or two feathers.

Apart from the Exhibition Light Prints, I also breed the flying prints called Lincoln Crazy. My best hen from this strain has been shown twelve times with twelve firsts to her credit and her sister won NPA Certificate at Leicester under W.

Barrett. They are true competition flying prints (very similar to the Macclesfield, although these had very pronounced flat heads and were Grizzle Prints).

Les Curry, being one of Bristol's most keen flying men with many records and trophies to his credit, is holder of the Bristol and District young bird record of 17 hours 3 minutes, and has flown old birds 19 hours. I have exported some of Mr. Curry's birds to Germany for him.

C. Bateman, Secretary of the Bristol and District, has flown young birds 16 hours and holds the Bristol and District Record for old birds at 19 hours 13 minutes. He has the best three droppers I have ever seen. The dun print hen stays in the trap and will work entirely on her own. The other two are a cross Tippler and Nun, and a Tumbler. These two are trained to fly from the loft to Mr. Bateman's hand and back to the loft again, each one taking its turn and never both together. They will keep this up until Mr. Bateman stops them. As they say, they are worth their weight in gold.

Some of our other members are G. Baker who has flown old birds at 19 hours 1 minute; Spud Murphy of Bristol who has flown old birds 17 hours 46 minutes and a winner of the Ceril Meridith NTU Memorial Trophy for young birds with a time of 16 hours 37 minutes; Tony Williams who is one of the founder members of the Bristol Tippler and Tumbler Show Society and has won the National and Bideford several times and is considered to be one of the West Country's top show men and a very good judge; Horace Slade who is a member of the NTU Council and is Chairman at the Annual General Meeting; Roy Box of Bristol and District who flew 18 hours 45 minutes on Long Day; John Cullen of the Southmead Club who flew 19 hours on Long Day and is a protégé of Josh Davies of Swansea and is very keen with both flying and showing.

I've just heard over the telephone that the World Record has just been broken in Swansea on Long Day 20 hours 2 minutes by R. Burrows.

Over the years I've worked in Swansea many times and in all Districts over the Valley. A ring of hills



CUP PRESENTATION IN ENGLAND

Gordon Hughes of Dorset, England (on the left) presenting G. A. J. Matthews of Bristol, England (on the right) with the Bristol and District Show Cup, for the 4th successive year. L. Curry is shown in the center. — Photo from G. A. J. Matthews, Bristol, England.



TONY WILLIAMS OF ENGLAND

Tony Williams, one of the top show men and a very keen judge in West England. He has won at the National Tippler Union and Bideford several times.

surrounds the bay with the town in the middle. On a clear night the orange lights on the main roads around the bay light up the whole area inside the hills and reflect off of the water. This gives an extra hour or two of twilight while the rest of the area over the other side of the hills is in darkness. It's a wonder to me the World Record has not been broken here many times. However, I predict this will be done quite often in the future.

A most unusual thing happened during Long Day Fly June 20. Bristol fancier J. Francomb had his kit going (great guns) with plenty, when all of a sudden a flock of Racing Homers sped across the sky ploughing right into his birds. Alas, one Tippler, red mottle cock No. NTU 4383 1970, fell out of the sky dead and the others badly shaken. We cannot tell if the Racers were on a training flight or left over from a race, but it was a terrible thing to happen. Other Bristol fanciers present were downhearted as this kit was one of the favorites for the day. They had flown 9 hours 36 minutes. On the time sheet was written "bird killed in action. R.I.P."

On the last Saturday in September here in Bristol we have the National Tippler Union AGM with a social in the evening. The last Saturday in November we have the NTU Show at the Langton Court Hotel and the Bristol and District Presentations the same night. These will be very busy days for the Bristol Club.

The first 3 hours of the Long Day here in Bristol we had torrential rain and very high winds. Most kits were down early. They were liberated in the afternoon, the weather cleared and wind dropped a little making ideal flying conditions, so the kits still going did very good time.

In England the boundary in which kits are allowed to drop without being disqualified is 75 yards running parallel with the ground from the loft. As long as the base of the point the birds drop is in the 75 yards, the birds will not be disqualified. In the USA, I believe you are allowed a 100

A Proud Record

1938	Whitewind	17 hrs. 40 mins.
1939	August	16 hrs. 16 mins.
1939	× Easter	13 hrs. 25 mins.
1939	× White Wing Gull	17 hrs. 41 mins.
1939	Whitewind	16 hrs. 39 mins.
1940	Whitewind	17 hrs. 25 mins.
1940	August	16 hrs. 17 mins.
1941	Easter	14 hrs. 18 mins.

1924	Easter	15 hrs. 35 mins.
1926	Easter	14 hrs. 55 mins.
1926	Easter	14 hrs. 55 mins.
1927	Easter	14 hrs. 53 mins.
1934	Old Birds	16 hrs. 57 mins.
1934	Young Birds	14 hrs. 30 mins.
1936	3 Cocks	17 hrs. 30 mins.
1937	August	18 hrs. 36 mins.
1938	Whitewind	18 hrs. 15 mins.
1939	3 Hens	16 hrs. 15 mins.
1941	August	16 hrs. 14 mins.
1942	August	11 hrs. 36 mins.
1943	August	15 hrs. 45 mins.
1943	Easter	12 hrs. 36 mins.

S. BILLINGHAM

66, Norton Avenue, Gleadless, Sheffield

LIST OF SUCCESSFUL FLYS

1941	Whitewind	16 hrs.
1941	August	12 hrs. 45 mins.
1942	Easter	14 hrs. 9 mins.
1942	Whitewind	16 hrs. 10 mins.
New time up		
1943	Whitewind	17 hrs. 10 mins.
14 Young Birds 2 minutes longer than any birds world record but does not stand		
1943	August	15 hrs. 51 mins.

OTHER FLYS

1935	Old Birds	14 hrs. 2 mins.
1936	Young Blacks	16 hrs. 15 mins.
1938	Whitewind	17 hrs. 49 mins.
1938	Young Birds	16 hrs. 16 mins.
1938	Easter	13 hrs. 25 mins.
1939	Whitewind	17 hrs. 41 mins.
1939	Young Birds	16 hrs. 34 mins.
1940	Whitewind	17 hrs. 55 mins.
1940	August	16 hrs. 17 mins.
1941	Easter	14 hrs. 12 mins.
1941	Whitewind	18 hrs. 3 Cocks
1941	August	12 hrs. 45 mins.
1942	Easter	14 hrs. 9 mins.
1943	Whitewind	17 hrs. 10 mins.
Same Kit. 14 Young Birds 2 minutes longer but does not stand		
1943	August	15 hrs. 51 mins.
1945		16 hrs. 7 mins.
1945		15 hrs. 51 mins.

I was Secretary of A.E.T.S. through six years of War. Resigned through illness. Elected President of A.E.T.S. 1948. Judged at Crystal Palace, Belfast, Swansea, A.E.T.S. and N.T.U. and Great Yorkshire Show three years in succession. Licensed Tippler for 26 weeks at Evening Classes, also Down International, England and Wales and top that day, 16 hrs. 6 mins. Also member of C.W.A.C. Tippler Society for 24 years.

With Best Wishes for the Future Tippler Fancy.

SAM BILLINGHAM

The Record of Sam Billingham of England

Above record published through the courtesy of Louis A. Wolfe, Merrick, L.I., New York.

yards plus the distance of furthest point of any building that comes into the 100 yards from the loft. This hardly seems fair, as some birds could be pitched over 200 yards or more and still not be disqualified.

National Tippler Union results Long Day 1971 — 1st R. Burrows (New World Record) Club, Llamasmet Swansea, 20 hrs. 2 min.

2nd M. Camplin, Club, Bentley, 19 hrs. 15 min.

3rd Gordon Hughes, Club, Derby, 19 hrs. 12 min.

Section Winners — South, J. Culan, Club, Southmead-Bristol, 19 hrs. 0 min.

North, E. Birchall, Club, Manchester, 16 hrs. 30 min.

Central, R. Edwards, Club, Thrumaston, 19 hrs. 8 min.

Welsh, J. H. Jones and Son, Club, Swansea, 19 hrs. 1 min.

Shield Winners — Birmingham.

Co-Ordinator's Note — Appreciation to Mr. Matthews for this report. Regret that loft photos in color could not be used.

When Is A Flying Tippler Born

By PERC HAGAN, Travelers Rest, S.C.

At the correct and tender age of 14 years, I was admitted to the Flying Tippler fraternity by a true fancier in Canada, by the name of Culbert Kendall. Cuthy has since passed on a product of the old country, a wonderful guy and a wonderful memory.

You might know, I fell in love with a wonderful girl and traded all of my Tipplers for a singing canary for her. Affection is contagious. After we were married, the compliment was returned and "we" got back into Flying Tipplers.

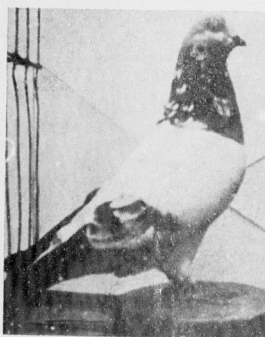
As conditions would permit, I have had them ever since. As a reward for my patience and years of trying to improve, I imported a stud of Wilf Lovatt's 20-hour World Champion stock. They are truly champions and a credit to a great fancier.

Pleasure in Flying Tipplers begins when you acquire good birds. Success

in flying is relative to your desire, skill, patience, and love of the sport. A "fair warning", if you don't want Tipplers for the rest of your life, don't start. You'll be Tipplerholic once you do. There is no cure.

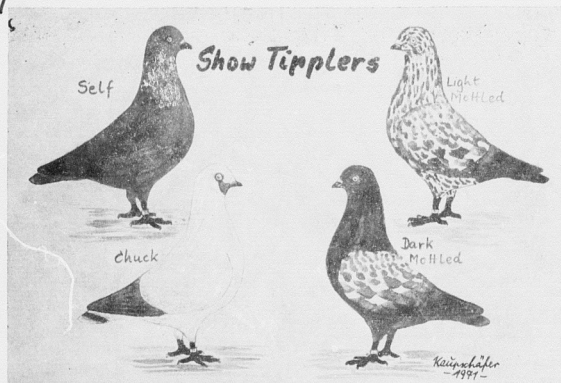
To the novice may I say, there are no dual purpose Flying Tipplers. All Tipplers will fly some, but make up your mind. If your goal is showing, then don't expect to fly long times. If it is flying, then don't expect them to win beauty contests. There is nothing more fascinating or rewarding and exciting than to watch a kit of High Flying Tipplers from your own yard with friends, fly for hours on end high in the sky.

If you and/or your son or neighbor's boy is interested in a hobby that will keep him at home, make him a home boy and build character and understanding, write our Club Secretary or the writer.



PRIZE WINNING TIPPLER

This Light Print Tippler Cock has 10 birds to his credit. — Bred and owned by G. A. J. Matthews, Bristol, England.



A Group of Show Tipplers

A water color painting by Kaupschaefer of four varieties of Show Tipplers. — Copyright by Heinz H. Kaupschaefer, Dorsten, West Germany.

My Record Kit With 17 Hours 30 Minutes

By HEINZ H. KAUPSCHAEFER, Dorsten, West Germany

A kit of young red and red-tigered Flying Tipplers had flown on August fly 12 hours and 47 minutes. From the best flyers of the season I selected three cocks for the next old bird competitions. Easter-Monday came and they flew 13 hours and 55 minutes (not more daylight you must know). Whitsuntide came and I was interested to see what they would fly now with more daylight. My referee had not thought that they would fly so long but, it was wonderful for me. They were 17 hours and 30 minutes on their wings, when one cock, namely the red badge bird (a nervous pigeon I must say) came down. They were trained to dark flying but on that day they had enough with the flown time of 17.30 hours. So I set the white Fantail dropper out and

dropped the other two cocks. In one minute all the birds were in their flying boxes inside the loft on the roof of the house. You see one of the birds was not ideal but I had not another one for flying that year.

Long Day came. But on the morning when my referee (now another man) saw the mist (I live near a river) he said to me: "Heinz, I think we are unable to start the kit."

But I thought they could fly a longer time as on Easter Monday and so I let them out on start time into the mist. We could not see the birds flying. After a while two birds flew like shadows over the roofs. Where was the other bird? That bird was sitting on a chimney we saw after one hour, and so I have been disqualified although the bird now went to the other flying pigeons and they flew till night.



HEINZ H. KAUPSCHAEFER

Mr. Kaupschaefer in front of his breeding loft is holding one of his Black Flying Tippler Cocks. — Photo by Heinz H. Kaupschaefer, Dorsten, West Germany.

The Real Show Tipplers of Great Britain

By HEINZ H. KAUPSCHAEFER, Dorsten, West Germany

I think a Tippler Special Issue must report something about the real Show Tipplers from Great Britain although these birds are show birds today.

In Great Britain the United Show Tippler Club exists and one can admire the fine collections of this breed in the show pens.

This pigeon is very fascinating and interesting to breed. Its origin lies in the Danish Brande Tumbler and English Tipplers. There are only four varieties all in a chocolate-brown and not in other colors as some fanciers mean, namely: Dark Mottles, Light Mottles, Selfs and Chucks. The Dark

It was the end of the old bird competitions and the cocks came into the breeding lofts where they have bred some good youngsters I can say.

My feeding and training system after which I fly young and old Tipplers follows:

First day: 1 teaspoonful Australian maple peas. Water.

Second day: 1 fly young birds 3 hours or old birds 5 hours. 2 teaspoonful barley, 1 teaspoonful Australian maple peas. Water.

Third day: 1 teaspoonful each wheat, Australian maple peas, and linseed. Water.

Fourth day: 1 teaspoonful each wheat, small corn, and canary seed. Water.

Fifth day: 1 fly young birds 5 hours or old birds 7 hours. 2 teaspoonful Australian maple peas, 1 teaspoonful Wheat. Water.

Sixth day: 1 teaspoonful each small corn, Australian maple peas, and mixed seed. Water with dextrose.

Seventh day: 1 teaspoonful each millet, Australian maple peas, dari, and wheat. Water with dextrose.

Eighth day: at noon: for each bird 6 pieces small corn and Australian maple peas and $\frac{1}{2}$ food with mixed seed (hemp, millet, canary seed, and linseed). at night: $\frac{1}{2}$ food with millet, canary seed, Wheat and rice. Water.

Fly day: Water and start!

I feed always at 10 p.m. Water a half hour after feeding. The first two days I put a little bit Epsom salts into the water to clear the birds. My Flying Tipplers sit in special boxes of the training loft.

Do not overfeed your birds. Overfeeding is one of the main mistakes a newcomer will make in our sport. Many new fanciers think a bird which must fly for hours must have a very good food. Naturally, a very good food but in quality only not in quantity.

English friends have written at many times that they saw more overfed than underfed birds on fly day morning when they came as referees to the beginners. Tipplers must be always on the hungry side. Then they fly a good style. A fancier who is unable to keep his Flying Tipplers hungry will not reach the first places of the winner list.

Mottle is brown with white markings on the wings, back and shoulders down to the second bar feathers. The solid depth of color of this variety is improving yearly.

The Light Mottle is what we term a light ground pigeon. That is white with brown mottling, evenly distributed all over the head, neck, body and underneath, which is rather difficult to get.

The Self is a solid brown color throughout, except for a black bar across the end of the flights, secondaries, and tail feathers.

The Chuck is pure white with the exception of ten brown primary

flights, brown tail, and a brown chuck, or bib.

Naturally, this breed has a complete Standard of Perfection. We have some Flying Tippler fanciers who like to breed the Flying Tipplers for show purposes only. These birds cannot fly from chimney to chimney mostly.

In Great Britain they name them in some local clubs "Exhibition Flying Tipplers". Oh, what a word! We have the real Show Tippler only for show aspects and I am unable to understand why only a few fanciers breed them. Here the fanciers could work who want to make a show object from our little marathon flyers.

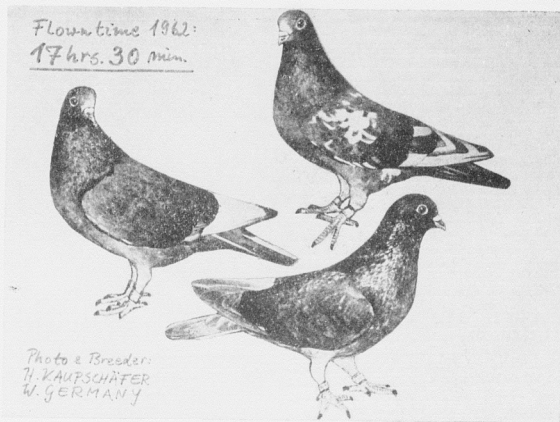
The first pure Show Tipplers I saw in lofts of fanciers in Amsterdam, Holland. Last season I visited the Danish National Pigeon Show at Roskilde where I saw an excellent team of real Show Tipplers, too.

In many countries the fanciers go their own way and make their own Show Tipplers like in East Germany, Roumania, etc. I believe England is the country of origin and so we have to do the same as the English breeders of that breed do with them.

Since the sudden death of one of the best-known Show Tippler men of Great Britain, T. W. Kern, Wales, the breed comes more and more in the background, sorry to say, Messrs. Scott, Shaw and some others keep the flag flying but the club is inactive at the moment and so we must wait for new faces in that old breed.

I have some photographs of Show Tipplers but I have painted a watercolor picture for this article to illustrate to the Tippler Fancy the beauty of the real Show Tipplers from the "Green Isle", Great Britain, "Old Europe". — Article copyrighted.

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Kit of Three Flying Tippler Cocks

Three Red Flying Tippler Old Cocks owned by Heinz H. Kauschaefer, Dorsten, West Germany, which flew 17 hours and 30 minutes in 1962. — Photo copyright by Heinz H. Kauschaefer, Dorsten, West Germany.

Training Flying Tipplers To Fly Into The Dark

By GORDON HUGHES, Derby, England

Note by Editor. — This is the first of a series of articles by Mr. Hughes of N.T.U. flying fame arranged by Dave Jordan, Secretary of the F.T.A., and released for the benefit of all fanciers interested in the Flying Tippler sport.

With regards to training a kit to fly

into dark, it is essential first to learn how to fly them throughout the day. When one can do this one must then consider training in the dark. Fanciers in England vary in their methods, but my own method is as follows:

1. Birds must have undergone a thorough training as youngsters and must have made the minimum of mistakes when in training as youngsters. (I do not train young birds to fly in the dark. I commence dark training with yearlings.)

2. I keep the birds inside the loft and aviary during the winter, and after this period I arrange to liberate them for the first time at the beginning of March. Bearing in mind that the birds' wings will be stiff one must cut the winter feed down, and get the birds hungry before liberation in the first instance, otherwise they will tend to alight somewhere else, other than the loft. After about one week, after being liberated on seven successive days the birds will be flying normally, perhaps for two or three hours in the daylight. Now is the time to make them very hungry, when commencing their training, especially in the dark as they cannot be controlled.

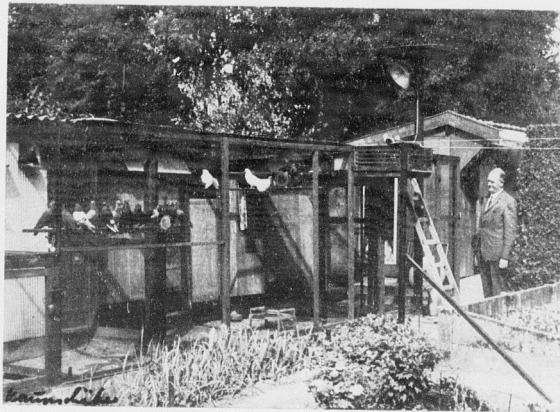
3. Now lights must be affixed on top of the loft, two 60 to 100 watt bulbs are sufficient, depending upon the size of the loft. Shades (reflectors) should be fixed over the bulbs in order to throw the light downwards. The lights should be fixed on a strip of wood approximately three feet above the top of the loft.

4. The kit should normally now be liberated in the daylight, and arranged. (Continued on page 512.)



Kit of Four Flying Tippler Cocks

This kit of four Flying Tippler Old Cocks owned by Edwin Kneeling of Coerlansen, West Germany, has flown 17 hours and 55 minutes, a new German Old Bird Record (1963). — Photo copyright by Heinz H. Kauschaefer, Dorsten, West Germany.



Flying Tippler Loft in Holland

H. G. Van den Broek and his Tippler loft at Delfzijl, Holland. Mr. Van den Broek is the continental record holder of 18 hours and 38 minutes in 1969. — Photo from W. Knol, Enschede, Holland.

The Tippler Sport In The Netherlands

By W. KNOL, Enschede, Holland

As is well known to all of you, the Flying Tippler comes out of England. Therefore, it is very logical that the English breeders up till now, still play an important part in the International Tippler sport. The existing world records are all in the hands of English Tippler friends and it was also in England where the first organizations were established in the domain of Tipplers.

Before the Year of 1900 there were already clubs of Tippler friends in Great Britain; but it was until 1908 before there became more uniformity in the contact between the clubs and the flying instructions.

On the Continent of Europe, the Tippler is also very long known.



H. SLADE AND C. HAWKINS

H. Slade, (left) Council member of the National Tippler Union, judging at the Staple Hill Show. C. Hawkins (right) won Best in Show.

However, there were no special clubs of Tippler breeders. In the Netherlands, the Tippler was known already long before the second World War, but there was not any talk of an organization. Firstly, after the last World War, a number of attached Tippler friends joined hands and in August, 1948, the first organization of Tippler friends in the Netherlands was formed. Later on, however, this club disappeared for different causes. Principally, by the fact that the Tippler was being shown at the same time. At the first of January, 1959, however, again a club was established by a number of out-and-out Tippler friends. This club had but one purpose, namely, the organization of flying-competitions.

As it is here also the question of a "Special" special club, the number of members is small as compared with a special club in the domain of show pigeons, but a stabilized number of members take part in the flying competitions. The club takes the name of N.V.C., which is an abbreviation of Nederlandse Vlieztippler Club (Dutch Flying Tippler Club). One of the most important promoters of the NVC was J. E. van der Wel, Ymuiden, Holland.

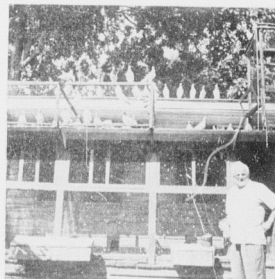
The history of the German Flying Tippler sport goes rather well paralleled with the Dutch. With our German Tippler friends, we have a solid and continual contact which is entertained up till now. The Dutch as well as the German sport friends take care that the Flying Tippler is not changed into a Show Tippler. A Standard, therefore, has not been established in order to prevent these violent birds

of achievement from being formed into walking-birds. There is existing a strain to establish a European or a Continental Tippler Union, intended as a top organization. In the Netherlands, every year there are organized eight competitions. There has been instituted a championship for young and for old birds, as well as a general championship. The competition rules are identical to the English ones.

However, we in comparison with the English sport friends do not nearly make their flying results, but there were reached nice flying times now and then. The Dutch record exists at a flying time of 18 hours and 38 minutes. This time was flown in 1969 by our club member, H. G. van den Broek in Delfzijl and this is also the continental record. In 1965, the same Mr. van den Broek made a record of 18 hours and 30 minutes. On the photo you see Mr. van den Broek with his loft.

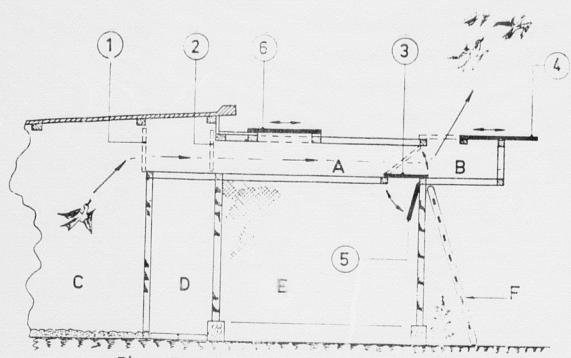
There is also a photo of my own loft, which contains continuously a number of 40 to 50 birds. It is divided into five compartments with a corridor through the total length. There is a compartment for old cocks and one for old hens. Also, a compartment for young cocks and one for young hens. A compartment in the middle of the loft contains the training boxes. One of these compartments, the old hen's, is at the same time a suitable breeding compartment, as this one contains the breeding boxes. Each of these compartments goes above the corridor entrance out to the wire-run in the open air, which at the same time has picked up the starting-cage. The starting-cage is stretched out as a lengthening-piece outside the wire-run, and can be opened and locked in the inside as well as in the outside of the wire-run. A special entrance above the domestication-cage in the part of the innside, makes it possible for the youngsters in early youth to enter in and out very easily so that domestication has been arranged skillfully and gives no problems at all. To start a flying-team as well, the entrance has been arranged very handily. It is a pity that it is not possible for me to make it more clear to you in a strange

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LOFT OF EMIL SELMAU

Emil Selmau of Union, N.J. standing in front of his loft of Tipplers. — Photo from Emil Selmau, Union, N.J.



Plans For Tippler Loft Construction

A. Domestication Cage, B. Starting Cage, C. Loft, D. Corridor in the Loft, E. Ladder to the Starting Cage, F. Outlet from the loft and the training boxes, G. Outlet to the domestication cage, H. Slide valve of the starting cage, I. Slide valve of the loft, J. Slide valve of the domestication cage, K. Slide valve of the loft, L. Slide valve of the domestication cage.

The Flying Tippler Sport In Switzerland

By FEBO DE VRIES, Basel, Switzerland

We all know our Flying Tipplers need lifting winds for their long time flying qualities. Here near the Swiss town of Basel I have found a well on which one can see a young boy with a wind-kite. The artist let show him into the air to look for a good wind to start his kite. This well is between the so-called "Dreiländereck" France, Germany and Switzerland.

Like the little boy we the Flying Tippler flyers must do the same before we start our kits for their daily rounds in the clouds. Many friends say the best flying weather would be when we see no clouds in the air, in other words a blue sky. No, no, that is mostly not the best flying weather.

We need a little wind for long time flying. In many cases we have gotten fine results in our competitions on rainy weather! Why? A little rain is always better for flying than a hot day without clouds in the air.

Let me tell you about one of my competitions here in Switzerland. We have a club here, called "Swiss Flying Tippler Union". It is now a section of the "First High Flying Section of Switzerland", founded in 1949. On the race day I saw grey clouds on the horizon when I went to my flying lofts on the roof of our house. After a while it rained. The start time was 10 a.m. and so I hoped for better weather.

My referees came and the weather became a little better. My Flying Tipplers, namely six young birds, were started and now we saw an excellent fly! In some minutes they were seen as little points in the clouds. But after some hours the rain begun again. It was raining ca's and dogs, as you say in English language. We could not see our six birds for a short time. After a half hour the sun came through the clouds and now we looked for our little pigeons. One of the referees could see them high up. We discussed this matter. Were they over the rain clouds or under them when they flew?

Well, I think a little rain is not so important for a well-feathered Tippler. And so the team flew on all the day, mostly high up in the clouds all the time. It was 6:12 p.m. when they came lower and dropped on the roof top.

It was a rainy day but a fine performance for young birds on this fly day. The flown time was 8 hours and 12 minutes and the total number of

points for their high flying abilities was 502. My referees and I were pleased to have seen such a wonderful fly from them.

Switzerland is a hilly country as you know. Many of my Flying Tippler friends have flown good results with Tipplers here. Oldtimers amongst you may know that we have had one of the best Flying Tippler men here in our land in the late Dr. Mauch, Zofingen. From him I bought my first Flying Tipplers and I have bred and flown them since these days year for years. They are my favourite pigeons.

All my friends are good sportsmen and to all the Flying Tippler fanciers of the world I send my best wishes. It was a great gesture by the editor of APJ and Nasser Shirakbari to invite us to write something from Switzerland.

For my interested friends I can say that I have trained my Tipplers with a little camera. From the clouds they have photographed me and my loft. I believe it was the first time that a fancier has done such an experiment.

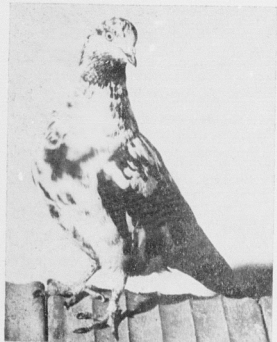
Flying Tipplers are flyers for me and my friends here in Switzerland middle of Europe. We are a small land and the number of Flying Tippler fans is not so great as in the neighbouring countries. But we are fanatic lovers of these little charming pigeons, the Flying Tipplers.—Article copyrighted.

The Tippler Sport in the Netherlands

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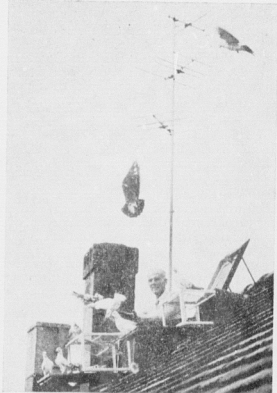
language, but I hope that the photos and the design details give some more deliverance. The aviary gives also an occasion to let the pigeons bathe without making the loft wet and moist.

When American sport friends travel in Europe, should they come to Holland, I invite them to make a visit to me and see it all with their own eyes. In the name of all Dutch Tippler friends, I send also best love to all American Flying Tippler friends.



TIPPLERS FROM SWITZERLAND

One of the young Flying Tipplers flown and owned by Febo de Vries, Basel, Switzerland.



TIPPLERS IN SWITZERLAND

Febo de Vries of Basel, Switzerland, with his Flying Tipplers on the roof. — Photo from Febo de Vries, Basel, Switzerland.



In the Kaupschaefer Home

The writing table on which Heinz H. Kaupschaefer writes his articles about Flying Tipplers. Some of the cups and diplomas are shown. — Photo copyright by Heinz H. Kaupschaefer, Dorsten, West Germany.

Tipplers From the Late Mr. Eagle

By HEINZ H. KAUPSCHAEFER, Dorsten, West Germany

When you read the competition lists of the "National Tippler of Great Britain, 1912" (NTU) in the past you always find a name in it: Mr. Eagle, Sheffield. He flew the typical Sheffield Tipplers. From English friends I know that he never sold one bird. When he died interested buyers would like to have had birds from his outstanding strain. But the birds were away!

My Dutch friend and one of the best Tippler men we have at present time, Bertus van der Wel, Ymuiden, made a trip to England and came to the lofts of Arthur Jones, Bristol. He was surprised about the Tipplers he saw there and he learned that nearly all the birds came from the late Mr. Eagle! Van der Wel imported birds from Mr. Jones and so we have these pigeons now in our lofts, too.

They are big birds in nearly all known colors. They fly like the Sheffielders in previous days, not too high but they are "strangers" and that is the cause of many disqualifications on competition days.

Mr. Jones has flown especially the young birds very good times and was always on the first places of the NTU list. Here on the continent Mr. Steegeling, former Secretary of the "Dutch Flying Tippler Club", living at Amsterdam, flew them some times more than 15 hours in contests. Karl Krombach, Homburg, Saar; Olaf Steike, Rheinfelden; Dieter Arndt, Hamburg; Alfred Willhoeft, Hamburg, and some other Hamburg fanciers of Flying Tipplers have flown them also in races with very good results. You know Dieter Arndt is the German record holder with young birds which flew 17 hours and 46 minutes, just 4 minutes under the world record.

In the enclosed pictures with this article you see three of these Eagle birds. The smoky blue badged bird was imported as a young one from my friend Bertus van der Wel, Holland. The other two birds are also from import parents and they stood for some seasons in my flying lofts in Dorsten. They are now in many other German lofts and last year I sent some of them to a friend in Yugoslavia.

Big birds are not good for every fancier but we have found out that on the windy coast of the North Sea these birds fly excellent times.

I Have Good Luck With Tipplers

By ROBERT R. ROCHE, Mammouth, Ill.

I guess I am like all pigeon fanciers all over the world. We have our hobby just as a golfer, tennis player, or what have you, but we still feel the best is our own dear lovable birds.

I started raising Tipplers eight years ago and have really enjoyed them a great deal but since have branched out a little and now have Rollers and Racing Homers.

My Tipplers have been a great joy to me and I love to watch them fly as they seem to go far beyond. They seem to be nothing but a speck of dust in the air and within hours you can finally see that they are your own birds and come back to the place they really love which gives them their board and room. So the next time they are turned loose you can see them put on their own type of show for you which makes you feel proud of them.

I have had real good luck with my birds, both in flying and also in the shows in which I had them entered. They have been shown at Burlington,

Iowa, at the Southeast Iowa Show, also at Peoria, Kankakee, Grant Park, Decatur and at the State Fair in Springfield, Ill. I might add that I am also a member of the Southeast Iowa Pigeon Club.

Minimizing Settling Losses in Tipplers

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sters with four or five flights tied up on one wing may drop to the ground when they attempt flight due to their inability to cope with this lopsided condition. Be wary of ground hazards such as cats, dogs, etc. (b) Remember that Tipplers are pigeons and that pigeons are gregarious by nature. Unsettled youngsters finding themselves airborne (without the company of settled birds) will tend to follow each other. Since none of them knows where he is going or where he lives, the entire kit may quickly drift away and become lost. Use poor flying Droppers to attract their attention and keep them close to the loft. (c) Youngsters that are settled on a one at a time basis must be flown with other birds as soon as it is safe to do so. Failure to do this may result in poor kitting qualities or worse yet, solo flying.

In closing I would like to add, that wonderful thing called "patience" will do you in good stead when working with your Tipplers. If you don't have enough, cultivate it. Who knows? It may even help you in your non-Tippler activities.

Zero losses to you!

Training Tipplers to Fly in the Dark

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ments should be made for them to come down just before dusk. When the birds alight they should be left on the top of the loft with the lights turned on, and with the droppers out, until at least one hour after dark. They should not be frightened or disturbed in any way, and the fancier must stay with the birds in order to ward off any cats, or other animals that may attack them. If the fancier has two lofts whereby he can get the birds to fly from one loft to the other and back again in the dark, by throwing corn (grains) here and there, this will be an advantage, and teach the birds to alight in the dark. When the fancier is certain that the birds are fully used to being out in the dark, the kit should then be liberated about fifteen minutes before dusk, and left to fly about five minutes after dark, when the light should be turned on and the droppers liberated, and the birds must be gotten down as quickly as possible. This can be repeated night after night. Bear in mind that if the birds are not very hungry when first liberated in the dark they may not come down until the next day, in which case they may not be of any further use for competition flying in the dark.

Special Issues. — We have the following Special Issues for sale at 50 cents each: December 1968 Fantail; April 1969 Oriental Frill; April 1970 Trumpeter; June 1970 Giant Homer; November 1970 King; July 1970 Show Racer. Other Special Issues sold out.

Muffed Tumbler News

By AL. L. Grace,
Lackawanna, N.Y.



Note by Editor: — Due to AL. L. Grace having suffered a stroke, Ray Kirchen of Manitowoc, Wis. and James R. Frees of Traverse City, Mich. were kind enough to each write an article for AL Grace's column. Mr. Grace is now slowly recovering, and all of us hope he will be back to normal in due time. The two articles follow.

It is with deep concern that your secretary wishes to inform the members of the Muff Tumbler Club of America of the misfortune that struck our beloved fellow member and Publicity Director AL Grace. It was very late on a Sunday night that I received a phone call from one of our younger members in the Buffalo area informing me that AL was stricken with a stroke and was rushed to a Buffalo hospital. I called the Grace residence several times without success and finally I did get through to Mrs. Grace and had a nice chat with her. At that time Mrs. Grace did not know how long AL would be confined, however, to my surprise on July 8 I received a letter from AL which a friend wrote for him.

To show the courage and determination this great fancier possesses I will share his letter with you. He writes: "Dear Ray, How is the new Yearbook coming along. I hope it is a great success. Ray, I just got back after 23 days in the hospital and learning to operate my new wheel chair. I had a stroke on my right side but it is coming along much better. Hope you are having a good season. Sincerely, AL. P. S. Hope I can show a couple pairs with you at L.A. Pageant this year."

Well, AL, by the time this is published in the September issue of the American Pigeon Journal the yearbook will be rolling off the press and if we get good service from our printer we hope to have it delivered soon after. This yearbook will be the largest and best ever published by the Muff Tumbler Club of America and all credit must go to you, AL Grace, who worked night and day for the success of this book.

Since Mr. Grace has taken on the job of Publicity Director for the club our membership has grown by leaps and bounds and his marvelous articles have stimulated the Muff Tumbler Fancy all over the world. His enthusiasm has created a new spirit and your secretary has one real task keeping up with the many letters that reach us each day.

I will ask each and every member of the Muff Tumbler Club of America to drop Mr. Grace either a letter or card while he is convalescing at home. His address is AL Grace, 99 Warsaw St., Lackawanna, N.Y., 14218. I am sure this will hasten his recovery and

also show your appreciation for all the wonderful things that AL has done for the club. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and I am sure the Almighty Healer will see you safely through your recent misfortune.

The Annual Meet of the Muff Tumbler Club of America will be held with the Combined Tumbler Club show at Los Angeles. Most of the major clubs will hold their meets at this show and from all reports the West Coast fanciers are planning big things. In a recent letter from our friend Robert Smith who is the coordinator for this great show, Bob states that everything is going according to schedule and is hoping for a big attendance of Midwest and Eastern fanciers. More information will be forthcoming in a news letter to our members. The Eastern Sectional Meet will be held with the Little Rhody Pigeon Club at East Greenwich, R.I. This should be a real big Tumbler show as we have many members in the East who I am sure will support this event. Our Midwest Sectional Meet will be held at Chicago with the Chicago Pigeon Club show. Joe Koehler and Company always put out a first-class show and with a large membership in the Midwest we should have classes well filled and hot competition for the appointed judge.

Your secretary will try to fill in for Mr. Grace until he is fully recovered and able to again contribute his wonderful newsy articles for our members. — Raymond F. Kirchen.

In the past year, AL and myself have become very good friends in the Muff Tumbler Fancy, and hardly a month has gone by that we don't exchange a couple of letters or a telephone call. Lately, I have been very busy at my work, plus trying to get the MTC bulletin out, so I did not really take the time to wonder why he didn't write. However this past week, I kept thinking about him so I called him. I was truly shocked to learn that the best friend and "Pal" of the world Muff Tumbler Fanciers has been very seriously ill for the past four weeks and has just returned home from the hospital. He told me he had a stroke, but is recovering just fine and should be back to this column soon. While visiting with him, he asked if I would write this month's article for Muff Tumbler News. So with pen in hand, my mind echoing Tumbler friends and thoughts, I say:

John Kerschner of Kaukauna, Wis., writes: "We expect to get over to Michigan next month (August) with Don Linenard of Kansas City. If the trip goes well, we expect to visit just about all the Tumbler breeders, so hope you have raised a few good ones. Also I'm breaking up my matings by the end of July. It's too hard or impossible to get them 'fit' for showing if they go any longer than this. I have a few young that are starting to look like show material. This will be my best year in white Muffs since I started to 'make them'."

Anthony Sibby of New Haven, Conn., has written me several letters this summer on the history of his breeding and the making of B. H.

Muffs. This information is most interesting as Mr. Sibby is one of the old pros, and also one of the first to help bring this beautiful breed up to what it is. He is a "Tru-Blue" fancier, devoted to the betterment of the Tumbler Fancy and deserves a lot of credit for his efforts.

Another fancier from the East, Paul Ambrose, Conn., breeds whites and B.H.'s, and mentioned that he should have some real competition at the shows this season.

From the Great Northwest, comes tidbits of information that Howard Kleiss is once again coming on strong with his Baldheads also. I've seen some of the birds that other fanciers have purchased from him, and they are really fine. Keep up the good work, Howard, however your fine show record speaks for itself.

On June 12, Russ McCormick and his wife from Port Huron, Mich., came up to Traverse City to visit us. They stayed at Arlie Larkin's home where we spent many hours discussing the future of the Tumbler in general. He brought me a real nice looking silver hen to mate into my blue muffs.

Bob Witte told me he has had a real good year. He sent me some photos of some of his blues. Wow! They really look great. Bob, I am really glad to see these rare colors coming back.

With the great job everyone is doing with Muff Tumblers, I am now beginning to really see a "Joining of Hands" the world over of breeders devoted to this wonderful little breed, through the leading efforts of A. L. Grace.

AL put an ad in the APJ saying: "Come Along With Us!", and this slogan will, I'm sure, always stand out as the most warming invitation of all time.

The Pageant of Pigeons in Los Angeles, California, will be hosting the MTCA this year. I plan to be there with Arlie Larkin and another good friend this year, and don't want to miss even one exciting moment. Just thinking about the trip gets me a little dizzy with excitement. There is where we will meet and make new friends while renewing old acquaintances.

Fancier-Friends, "Come Along With Us." Fly with us to the City of the Angels in sunny southern California. There is where the circle is drawn, and in that circle, you will find where the action is! — James R. Frees

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NEWS FROM HAWAII



BY HENRY K. C. CHANG



Bisho's Old Blue, a 27 year old Racing Homer cock is still alive and enjoying life under the Hawaiian sun. Albert Bisho is a King breeder and has won many awards in the past. He kept a loft of Racing Homers for pleasure as he loves them as a hobby. In this colony of Homers he has a good blue that was banded in 1944. Is there a Homer older than he? If so, we would love to hear about it. Old Blue is a strong and healthy pigeon and has been fed and kept healthy by Mr. Bisho. He must have a constitution like iron to live that long. For it's always springtime in Hawaii and that makes a difference in life. We wish Mr. Bisho and Old Blue many more years of companionship.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Butler of Richmond, California, a breeder of Kings from Northern California King Club spent two lovely weeks in Hawaii. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gonzalez took them to the new Waikiki Resort Hotel for an enjoyable evening, with dinner and Hawaiian show at its best. The lovely hula dancers and musicians are all recording artists. Jack Butler was on stage with lovely Mrs. Kealoha Kalama as his hula instructor. Jack did very well, so did Mrs. Butler. Mrs. Kalama and her group features the finest steel guitar player in Hawaii and with her famous hula dance that takes all to heaven. Lovely songs

did some recording for "Hawaii Calls". A fine voice and person to meet. Then we had the guest artist Myrtle Hilo who did some fine dance and songs. The Butlers took home for their souvenir an autographed song recording of Mrs. Kalama's group. The Butlers then flew to the islands of Kauai, Maui and Hilo, then home to California giving them two weeks of lovely memories. Thanks goes to Sarah and Danny Gonzalez for the fine get-together. As always it is such people like Sarah and Danny that makes Hawaii. Aloha!

Later News

I am writing this note with a sad feeling to learn the passing of Sarah R. Gonzalez, wife of Daniel Gonzalez who for years helped promote the pigeon sport in Hawaii. Sarah passed away as the result of a heart attack two days after she helped entertain the Jack Butlers of California. She and Danny have entertained many Mainland pigeon fanciers and their hospitality is unbeatable. She was Hawaii's pigeon fanciers' sweetheart. All fanciers in Hawaii will miss her. She and Danny have made a number of trips to the island shows with us at Maui and Hilo. She was laid to rest at the popular Diamond Head Memorial Park at the foot of the famous Diamond Head. May her soul rest in peace. To Danny and family our deepest sympathy.

and it is here that many fanciers feel that this period is far too long for birds to be cooped in Show Pens. Many feel that some of the larger breeds and profusely feathered birds show obvious after-effects from being penned too long.

While many of us would like to have this period shortened, we have to realise that these Shows are conducted to attract wide public interest in the overall displays of Sheep, Cattle, Pigs, Dogs, Cats, Horses, Cage Birds, Pigeons and Poultry in the Livestock Section of the Show, with Horticulture, Agricultural, Farm and Household exhibits, Rodeo and other Ring events, as well as Side Shows which give an overall carnival atmosphere to these large National Shows.

The Wagga Wagga Pigeon Society (N.S.W.) has just concluded a successful show with a total of 623 birds benched in the open and club sections.

Grand Champion bird in the Show went to a Black Fairy Swallow Hen exhibited by Allan Higgins. Reserve Champion went to a Grizzle Show Pen Homer exhibited by Norin O'Donoghue. Grand Champion Club Exhibit, A. Higgins Black Fairy Swallow Hen,

Reserve Champion Club Exhibit, A. Watt's LFCL Black Tumbler Hen, Champion Homer and Champion Young Bird in Show, N. O'Donoghue's Grizzle Show Pen Homer, Champion Homer Club Section, Chris Gammage, Champion ARP entry, A. Watt's LFCL Tumbler, Reserve Champion ARP entry, C. Gammage's Blue Schiotti Modena Hen, Best in Classes 8-17, N. O'Donoghue's Black Carrier Hen, Best in Classes 18-26, A. Higgins Black Fairy Swallow Hen.

This October the Wagga Wagga Pigeon Society intends to expand and become known as the Riverina Pigeon Society. Patrons will be Frank H. Hollmann, Editor APJ, the Hon. W. Fife, Minister for Mines and Minister for Conservation and Alderman Gising, Mayor of Wagga.

The Hunter Valley All Variety Pigeon Society Annual Show was a huge success with 1320 birds penned which makes it quite a country town show.

Well known Sydney fancier Darcy Cook scooped the pool with his wonderful team of Jacobins taking Champion Fancy Old Bird, Champion Fancy Opposite Sex, Champion Fancy Young Bird, Champion Fancy Young Bird Opposite Sex, and the top award of Grand Champion Fancy Pigeon with a White Jacobin Cock.

The other major awards were, Champion Utility, Leo Walsh's Red Carneau Cock, Champion Frill, Jim Mackay's Blondinette, Champion Tumbler, Wal Hitchell's LFCL Tumbler, Champion German Toy, Jim Power's Fairy Swallow, H. J. McKimm Memorial Trophy, Best Young Short Faced Tumbler, Les Greedy, W. E. Sparkes Memorial Trophy Best Young Magpie, J. Stubbs, W. Wellbourne Memorial Trophy, Best Young Helmet, Les Greedy.

Our breeding season is now well under way and all Ring Secretaries are reporting a heavy demand on rings by the breeders. This looks good for next year's round of shows with the Sydney Royal Easter Show being the first major show in 1972 which is regarded by most of us as a young bird show because very few adult birds are through the moult as it is mid-Autumn down this end of the world during Easter.

Many overseas fanciers wonder at the strict quarantine regulations which prevent the importation of pigeons as well as all other bird life into this country. For this reason I would like to discuss this matter thoroughly in next month's column so that our position may be understood on this matter.

Just received a letter in time for this report from John Taylor, President of the Queensland Bantam and Pigeon Club which has been in existence 52 years this year. I have had the pleasure of attending their Annual Show which is conducted at the Royal Agricultural Showgrounds, Brisbane, in June each year.

The Club at their monthly meetings has the good fortune to have the use of the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Littman and as David has sets of show pens, lectures are given and pigeons demonstrated at some of the meetings.

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News from Australia

By BOB CLARKE
Cattai, N.S.W.,
Australia

With the Show Season now finishing off over here, we can now look back and sum up 1971 as having been a further step forward for pigeons in this country.

The last of the Royal Agricultural Shows have probably concluded at the time of this report going to press with Brisbane Royal (Old) in August, Melbourne (Vic.), Adelaide (South Aust.) and Perth (West Aust.) Royals being held in September.

All these Shows attract large entries of pigeons with Adelaide frequently having better than 2,000 birds benched. However this year they reported entries down to 1,387 birds entered which seems quite a drop for them.

All our Royal Agricultural Shows are for a period of from 10-14 days

News From New Zealand

By MADELON GILLIGAN
Christchurch, New Zealand

All of the Fancy breeds in New Zealand are bred to, and judged by English Specialist Club Standards. With imports closed except from Australia, breeders need to plan their matings wisely. The most popular breeds are Moderns, CLIF Tumblers, Fantails, Norwich Croppers, Pigmy Pouters and Flying Tumblers, the last mentioned having its own N.Z. Standard. These classes usually attract good entries, other varieties whilst not seen in as large numbers are however bred to a high standard. When imports and exports are open between Australia and New Zealand frequent exchanges of birds occur. This is of real value to the breeders of both countries. Over the past five years exports to Australia have included Jacobins, CLIF Tumblers, African Owls, English Owls, Norwich Croppers and rare coloured Moderns e.i. "milky" group-powdered-silver, Cameo Tri, Cheq, etc. Imports have been Jacobins, Fantails, Blondinettes, Satinettes, Carriers, Dragons, Bokhara Trumpeters, Australian Saddlebacks, Suabians, Archangels, Turbits and Moderns, including N.Z.'s first Russet, and Argents. A pair of English Short-faced Tumblers have recently arrived from Australia. They are the first of their breed seen here for very many years, a yellow Agate hen and a Mottled Red Agate cock.

A number of fanciers enjoy putting colours on from outcrosses; Blue Grizzle Schietti Moderns of good type have been made here in two different lofts using entirely different outcrosses in each case; other colours obtained by this means in Moderns include Cream, Mealy, Yellow Cheq, Red Cheq, and Whites. Oddly enough several Australian fanciers were working on the same colours at the same time. At the present time Lavender and its dilute Lilac are being improved. Attempts to produce colour bases other than blue/black to the Argent group are under way. Grizzle CLIF Tumblers are in the course of development but still have quite a way to go.

At the time of writing (mid-July) quite a number have pairs on eggs of the first round. In the South Island owners will need to deice drinkers before sunrise once the chicks are hatched. In the North Island towards Auckland hard frosts are not so common so breeders rarely need to do this tiresome chore. Thoughts of sound nutrition for the birds is uppermost in mind at present, a few have added Poultry Layer pellets to the usual ration of peas, wheat, barley and maize.

Woolston Show is nearly upon us. C. C. Minty will adjudicate and though entries are not expected to be high due to closeness of breeding season, the standard of birds exhibited will no doubt make up for paucity

of numbers.

Shortly, Brent Marshall, Modena Breeder of Christchurch will be off on a world tour. In transit he will be visiting Warrenton and will also attend the Pigeon Fanciers' Convention in St. Louis. We will all be looking forward to hearing details of his travels; the fanciers he will meet and the exciting birds he will see. Further on he will spend some time in England. Bon voyage Brent, have a wonderful time for us all.

Recently Barry Tuesley of Queensland, Australia has toured New Zealand, visiting fanciers throughout the country and also judged New Plymouth Show. At New Plymouth Alex Ryan is doing grand work in improvement of CLIF Baldhead Tumblers and Nuns. Chris Fox of Christchurch, one of the two only Carrier fanciers in the country, finds he will start the breeding season with seventeen cocks and only four hens; K. K. Donovan of Masterton in the North Island in the same breed has three cocks to one hen. We hope this season will prove kinder and produce the extra hens so desperately needed to keep this fine old breed on the move. George Gough and Lyall Ennis, both of Christchurch, are working on improving CLIF Baldhead Tumblers with Self crosses. New member Kerry Mattson and Junior Peter Jones will be working together on L.F. Muffed Tumbler improvement again using CLIF Tumblers. Rick Smilie and Junior Jeffrey Barnfield both with various German Toy breeds are making progress towards Saxony Field Pigeons.

We will all look forward to seeing the ultimate results from these dedicated breeders. Perhaps next "News From New Zealand" will contain exciting notes of breeders' first round progeny.



TUMBLER TALK

BY
AL WESTLING

APFC St. Louis

It is not often that an event comes along that I would specifically mention in this column, that did not have a great deal to do with Tumblers. The American Pigeon Fanciers Convention held July 24th and 25th was a most worthwhile meeting for fanciers of all breeds whether they be Fancy, Utility or Flying Breeds. Dr. Joe Selby, a good Tumbler fancier, had an important part of the program leading an informative discussion of pigeon diseases. I am sure the convention will be reported in depth by others, but I would just like to say that I enjoyed each speaker and every part of the program. One thing Dr. Selby pointed out was that with a small amount of financing, a program of disease research could probably be worked out at one of our state universities. He mentioned specifically that a positive test for paratyphoid is



DR. G. L. CLARK

Dr. G. L. Clark of Christchurch, New Zealand, is holding the APFC Recognition Plaque presented to him by the Editor of the American Pigeon Journal at the Christchurch Show, May 28 "In Recognition of His Outstanding Service in Promoting the Tumbler Pigeon."

needed and could not doubt be worked out if taken up by a couple of graduate students as a project. All they would need is encouragement, guidance from someone like Dr. Munger of Kansas State University, and a little financial assistance from the many club treasurers around the country or from individuals.

The convention was very well organized by Dr. Sam Peavey and Frank H. Hollmann as co-chairmen and Mrs. Thelma Snyder, Secretary-Treasurer. I am happy that the same trio will be in charge next year and I feel certain that the attendance will double. As the world seems to grow smaller as air travel becomes more rapid, I feel that this could soon become an international affair. Dr. Clark of New Zealand was in on the original planning session and this year we were very fortunate to have Brent Marshall also of New Zealand as a guest. Brent gave a nice talk at the luncheon on Sunday and he certainly impressed everyone favorably. I am sure that all of those fanciers who attended are already looking forward to 1972.

When genetic enthusiasts get together as happened at St. Louis I am always reminded that it is the genetic aspect of pigeon breeding that to me is the most interesting and most remarkable. Breeders of the old standard colors often tend to scoff at the efforts being made by some fanciers in developing new colors. Little do they realize that they themselves are enjoying the fruits of someone else's labor. We have not always had the black, white, red or yellow selfs in Tumblers, nor did we even have the Tumbler as a breed. All of the colors, varieties and breeds originally came from the blue rock dove. Hundreds of years ago genetic mutations occurred which encouraged pigeon fanciers of those days to breed for new characteristics in form and color. They probably did not know what a gene or chromosome was, but they were working with them anyway. I think most that we know about genetics (Continued on page 521.)

King Komments

By PEGGY HORN
For: Worth, Texas

We have just received our Summer Issue of the AKC Journal published by the American King Club Secretary, and several pleasant hours were spent in reading it from cover to cover. Our hard working Secretary, Fred Gunzel, Jr., is doing a splendid job, and all of us should be indebted to him and his lovely wife, Warda, for their dedication and self sacrifice in the promotion of our hobby. I know that many of you King breeders who read this column are not members of the American King Club and have not experienced the thrill of exhibiting your birds. Why not take a step upward and join the great fraternity of Kingmen by sending your dues of \$5 today? You will receive a Standard of Perfection of the Exhibition King, four quarterly issues of the AKC Journal, and a membership card in the greatest specialty club in the world. That address is: Fred Gunzel, AKC Secretary, Box 284, Harrisburg, Ill., 62946.

From the summer issue of the AKC Journal we read with a great deal of interest the article from our dedicated Publicity Director, W. B. ("Rip") Schroeder, entitled "Concerning Feather on Show Kings." Rip makes some excellent remarks on feathering and the type of feather we desire in our birds. His observations on redness of the cere and hardness of the feather is consistent with Doc's and many fanciers that there is a genetic factor that influences the inheritance of these two characteristics as a unit. Earl Deal is a strong believer in this theory and thinks hard feather and red eye cere is associated with ash-reds in our whites. Ed Blaine seems interested in this theory and with his credentials he is the man to set us straight. How about it, Ed? For years I have tried to harden the feathers on my blues and silvers. Finally, in the past two or three years, I have been getting some silvers with red ceres, and you guessed it, they have much harder and smoother feathering. While attending the 5th District Meet at Pleasanton last year, I spent some time in studying the reds, yellows, blacks, and duns and the redness of their ceres. Many of them had beautiful red eye ceres and invariably their feathering was smooth and hard. This is a fascinating subject, and you geneticists in our hobby should write some articles on this subject.

For many years in our hobby Kings were bred and judged for large heads and broad beaks. This was especially true in the thirties and forties when most of the winning birds had large Runt-like heads. The eye cere on most of these large headed Kings was pink and faded quickly as the birds grew older. The feathering was loose with long wide flight and tail feathers. This type King was still common in the

early fifties when we began breeding them. The old Hirsch birds had these beautiful heads with the short broad beak, although Ed eliminated much of the loose feathering. In the period from 1955 until 1960 the King changed dramatically in feathering. This change was brought about by Don Roland's introduction of a very hard feathered strain of Kings that seemed to have harder bodies and overall shortness. The hobby seemed to be ready for this change, and soon the beautiful hard feathering was winning in showrooms all over America. Of course, the large rounded heads were lost in the change-over, as fanciers found it very difficult to retain the heads and tighten the feather in the same bird. Change is inevitable, however, and we sense in the past two years a return to better heads and a slight softening of the feather as "Rip" describes in his article. Perhaps in our birds we go through the same changes as we women do with our dress lengths. The hobby is fickle, and who knows what it will turn to in the seventies? One thing for sure, we will never breed a bird with the old Hirsch head with a feather as hard as some of the old Roland birds!

If this "Komments" seems a little rambling, you probably guessed the reason. This is the "in between" season in our hobby, and news is scarce. Next month will tell you all about the plans for the first show of the season, the Dallas 4th District. I would like to publicize your shows, too. Won't you get the information in to me as soon as possible?

The Pigeon Fancy In Britain

By GEORGE A. DRAKE
Braunton, Devon, England

The Summer Show Season is now sufficiently advanced for one to hazard an opinion with a modicum of accuracy. I say modicum because of the fowl pest restrictions resulting in the ban on live poultry, and as pigeons and poultry are generally housed in the same tent most of the larger agricultural shows have cancelled the pigeon section as well.

By and large, from what I have seen, it appears that the breeding season on the whole has been a satisfactory one. Here and there one meets the inevitable tale of woe, e.g. hens not laying, dead in shell and neglected youngsters, but all these trials have not been more than average. The fears which were predicted that owing to the prolonged postal strike, making deliveries of rings an impossibility, that there would be few if any youngsters at the earlier shows has not been manifest. True, there are a few youngsters flying around with 1970 rings on, or none at all, and many fanciers started breeding operations later than usual, nevertheless they appear to have made up for lost time, inasmuch that the youngsters have been brought on rapidly, and, personally, I cannot see

that they are very much behind in development of normal years.

One of the very few shows where poultry were exhibited was at Portsmouth. It is interesting to note that this Fanciers Society which caters for pretty well every facet of livestock in which the fancier is interested, from dogs to mice, is nearing its centenary, and must be one of the oldest Fanciers Associations in the World. This famous naval dockyard city is fortunate in having in Len Askew a general secretary who is a glutton for work. He is at the pulse of half dozen or so shows yearly. True, there are the various section secretaries to whom is hived off some of the donkey work, nevertheless he is at the hub and on him the responsibility entails. Well, the recent youngstock show was an unqualified success. The powers that be allowed the poultry section to be staged, as presumably the area, and from the places where entries would be drawn, is free so far as fowl pest is concerned, and this together with the pigeons made a sizeable section. To myself fell the responsibility of judging, and although I had a pretty hefty stint in taking on both sections, I was enabled to achieve this with the help of some good stewarding. A feature of this show which will live in my memory was the intelligent interest displayed by young fanciers. This Society has always made a feature of encouraging the young, and that this has paid dividends is evident from the many young fanciers who are not only keen, but have a good knowledge of the breed in which they are interested.

The English climate is very unpredictable, and in consequence the running of outdoor shows is a rather chancy business. So much depends on the support received from the general public who attends these functions, and success or failure rests with the money taken at the turnstiles. Time and again I have seen old established shows entirely ruined by rain. A couple of years of bad weather and even the most prosperous are soon insolvent. One of the most unlucky in this respect has been Camborne. This old established show in Cornwall was one of the largest and best one day events. Alas four consecutive wet years completely bankrupted them. A determined effort was made to revive the event, and last year another start was made on a somewhat restricted scale. The result was moderately successful. After picking themselves up from the floor, it was hoped they would again be "back in business". But this year again, down came the rain, and as this was in the forenoon, when the turnstiles would be clicking merrily, it seriously affected the gate, although it cleared up during the afternoon and the attendance perked up a bit. Nevertheless I feel this event is again in jeopardy.

The Fancy here can ill afford the loss of a single show at the present juncture, as so many have ceased to exist through one reason or another. It is essential, too, that if the Fancy is to survive shows will have to be sited widely, in all parts of the

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Questions

...and ANSWERS
By WENDELL M. LEVI, Sumter, S.C.
Author — The Pigeon, Making Pigeons Pay and
Encyclopedia of Pigeon Breeds

Mild Case of Vertigo

Question. — One of my Roller hens has a peculiar habit of going through the motions of drinking water when sitting on her perch. She appears to be healthy, and is having a good moult. This hen seems normal in every respect, but goes through the action of drinking water for periods of up to ten minutes at a time. I am wondering if this behavior is hereditary or is acquired, and if so, what is the cause. — B. C., Canada.

Answer. — You have, to me, an unusual thing, and one which I do not understand.

Since this bird is a yearling, how long has she had this habit? I am presuming that she was normal for a while, some months or more, and then started this.

If so, I think, rather I guess, that this is connected with her diet in some way, and that her food is not being assimilated properly. My guess is that it is akin to what we call vertigo, but a mild case. You will see vertigo described in *The Pigeon* at par. 782.

I suggest that you put her in an individual coop where she will not see the other birds and fret, and give her the same food, water, and grit that you are doing, but use my prescription for mild vertigo, namely, Brewers' yeast tablets and cod-liver oil tablets. These should be obtainable at your local drug store for humans. Give one of each a day (by opening the bird's mouth and dropping the tablet down its throat) for four days in a row, stop three or four days, and repeat. I am hoping by the end of three-four weeks the bird will show great improvement.

If not, then you can use the prescription which has never failed with any bird with vertigo that I have read of, namely: Inject 5 mgs. of aqueous thiamine Hydrochloride (available from Ortega Pharmaceutical Co., Inc., Jacksonville, Florida) in the breast muscle daily until improvement is seen.

This is a novel question, and if I have guessed right and the bird is cured, I hope to publish it with, of course, just your initials.

Later. — I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your immediate correspondence and attention to solving my problem of a hen who would continually go through the action of drinking water both from the water trough and perch. Your advice of administering Brewers' yeast tablets and cod-liver oil seemed to prove itself as an effective remedy.

Thank you again for your assistance in this matter. — B. C., Canada.

Racing Homers and Rollers

Question. — I have a loft 6' x 8', the roof slopes down from 8' to 6'. Built on the side of the loft is a wire bottom, wire front, 8' x 3' pen (the top and sides are wood). Also a 6' x 8' by 6' chicken wire fly pen on the other side. I have 23 Racing Homers, four eggs, and a pair of Rollers housed in it. Do you think it is overcrowded? How many birds will it hold?

Answer. — The Racing Homers in my loft are of Trenton, Sion, Stassart, and White Belgian Pletinckx strain. Should I mate the strains pure or let them mix?

3. I have just bought two very beautiful Birmingham Rollers, and I would like to know when I can let them out, how to train them to come back when I want them to, and if it is harmful to let them out with my Homers? Thank you. — S. J., Ky.

Answer. — 1. Your loft seems sufficient to me, if I understand it correctly, for the 30 birds approximately that you have. The rule that I have used for many years, and which I think is probably the best, is that a loft can hold as many pairs of birds as the loft can contain of Eggleston double nests, a double nest for each pair. I hope this is clear, and if you will use Eggleston double nests you will soon know whether you have plenty of room or not.

2. Your guess is as good as mine as to which is best. If I could see the birds it would be helpful. If you cross your Pletinckx (which I presume are

white) with the other colors you are going to get the other colors with a lot of white from time to time, which I think you may not like. Why not keep the Pletinckx pure and make one or two matings of the pure strains to see how you like the offspring?

3. Assuming that you have an adult pair of Birmingham Rollers, they should not be released, I think, until they have squabs about 10 days old. Then when you go to release them just open the trap and don't scare any birds out, but let them walk out of their own accord and jump up on the roof of the loft. If they don't fly the first time it is just as well.

I think it is very unwise to fly your Rollers and Homers together. Rollers easily kit and fly higher than Homers. When they are both released at the same time the Homers cause the Rollers to fly lower, and occasionally cause the Homers to fly too high. If the Rollers are a year or more old and have never been released they will be harder to settle, and there's a chance of losing them if they fly low and do not join the kit.

Cock Killed Hen

Question. — I have raised pigeons for 12 years and have never come across the following. I raise Chinese Owls. I have just started mating my birds for the 1971 season. I put a young cock in with an old hen, his mother. Then one morning I went out to the loft and the hen was dead. Upon examining her it appeared to me that the cock had killed her. Her eyes had been pecked out. I put a couple of other hens in with him and he started pecking at them. Can you give me a reason for this and/or a cure? I hate to dispose of him. He is a real good Chinese Owl.

I hope you can help me in this matter. Of course if needs be, I will dispose of the bird in question. — A. J., Ill.

Answer. — I have read your letter three times trying to solve your problem. There's a missing fact somewhere. You must have put, though you don't say so, the cock and hen together in a small mating coop without a division in it to protect the hen until the young cock got used to seeing her and "fell in love with her".

In mating birds, and especially young cocks, they should be put in a mating coop with a division through which the birds can see but the cock can not fight the hen. If you put the pair in a mating coop without a division and did not watch them, why it's not extraordinary for a cock if he doesn't kill the hen at least scalp her so badly that you can hardly recognize her.

It is not natural for the young cock to act that way. By no means kill him because he has lots of virility, he is just ignorant!

You might drop me a line and tell me how the cock could kill the hen unless you cooped them together.

Separating Birds — Size of Loft

Question. — 1. Is it necessary to divide cocks from hens when mating season is over even though you do not intend mating them differently next year?

2. How big should a loft intended (Continued on page 521.)

Answer These Questions

Lack of sufficient information from the inquirer often makes it very difficult to answer questions fully. In a diagnosis of a disease or similar trouble, it is absolutely essential that complete data be forwarded to me to even attempt satisfactory location of the source of trouble. In writing me, simply put down number of questions and your answer thereto. Be sure to enclose stamped envelope for reply. — Wendell M. Levi, Sumter, S.C.

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. How many pigeons have you? How many to a pen?
2. How long have you raised pigeons?
3. What feed do you use? Give formula if home mixed.
4. Describe your feeding method.
5. Does feed ever remain on floor of house?
6. Have you checked your food to see that it is neither unseasoned, decayed, moldy or swollen from dampness?
7. How do you feed it? Do you feed it in house or fly pen?
8. How do you water your birds? Describe method. How often is water changed? Do you regularly disinfect drinking vessels?
9. What have you done to attempt a cure of birds concerning which you are inquiring?
10. Have you sent diseased specimen for analysis to a State Biological Laboratory for a tpsy before inquiring of this department?



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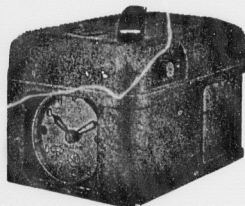
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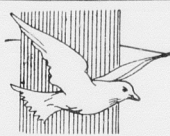
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Observations American Pigeon Fanciers Convention

By JAMES A. RUZEK, Berwyn, Ill.

A bountiful week-end was experienced by a large enthusiastic crowd that was in attendance, with advance registration more than double last year's figures, also all of the original participants of the co-ordinating Council and representatives of the various national pigeon organizations and specialty clubs being represented. However, we missed the I.F. representation and our mutual friend Ben Watson.

The facilities at the Ramada Inn in St. Louis were excellent and the rates were low as compared with the downtown hotels. Therefore, it is planned to hold the next convention here again because of its central location during July 1972.

Chairman Dr. Samuel B. Peavey of Louisville, Ky., past president of the NPA, and co-chairman Frank H. Hollmann, Editor of the American Pigeon Journal of Warrenton, Mo., together with Sec.-Treas. Thelma Snyder, Editor of the American Racing Pigeon News of Norristown, Pa., the officials of the committee on arrangements, were highly complimented for being authoritative and recognized leaders in the fields of nutrition, genetics, research, publicity, youth, legislation, etc., present a most interesting, educational and inspiring conference attested by the list of guest speakers. Although a registration fee of \$5 was charged, everyone felt they were receiving sufficiently more than their

money's worth due to years and years of research and information not ordinarily obtained from books that was presented here.

The Ralston Purina people also participated in the forum and with Bob Hunter in charge on Saturday evening furnished a luscious dinner and entertainment by their Farm Show cast, which was well received.

Due to previous commitments President Ed Jankowski could not attend and appointed me to represent him and the A.U. at this affair. Also in attendance was our Legal Advisor, William Bonwell of Wichita, Kans., who collaborated with me on the subject of ordinance problems and furnished them with zoning and legal technicalities that were of utmost importance. A.U. 4-H Co-ordinator E. E. Finelrock did a fine job of public relations outlining the needs for youth participating in hobbies. Bob Middleton, an A.U. director, with his wife were also present at the convention.

While most of the participating organizations did commit themselves and paid a five cent per capita membership fee, the I.F. and the A.U. did not, and since I had no authority to speak out on this matter, informed the officials that the matter would have to come up before the Board of Directors for consideration at our next convention meeting. It appears everyone had a good time and went home happy.

The Arthur Lee Scifres Memorial Scholarship

By MRS. EDNA SCIFRES, Greenville, S.C.

Almost a year ago, Morris Cohen, President of the Vincent Snyder Memorial Scholarship Fund wrote me that a three-year fully-paid Nursing Scholarship had been dedicated in memory of my late beloved husband, and would be known as the "Arthur Lee Scifres Memorial Scholarship."

Mr. Cohen gave me the opportunity to select a worthy young lady from this, or any area, to take her training through the Scholarship at the St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Philadelphia.

Because of the distance and other circumstances involved, many appreciative young ladies from the South regrettably were forced to pass up this opportunity. I then gladly accepted Mr. Cohen's offer to select a young lady from his area who would in all ways, truly serve as a living memorial to Al Scifres, and to represent us in this field as our "Southern

Gal" of the Southern Racing Pigeon Ass'n.

Today I received a heartwarming letter from Mr. Cohen, written from his bed where happily he is recovering, thanks to the St. Joseph's Hospital nurses, from a serious heart condition which will keep him in their care for two more weeks.

Because all of you, everywhere, have been so wonderful and have given so generously to help make this Scholarship possible, I would like to share my letter with you. Mr. Cohen writes in part:

"I have selected an ideal girl who will fulfill the Arthur Lee Memorial Scholarship. Her name is Susan Dietrich who has recently graduated from high school and is of German-Irish extraction.

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with two damaged kidneys, and is now living on a dialysis machine. Susan is just 17 years old, and one of six children. Awaiting settlement from Social Security, only \$70 a week comes in for the whole family, and this is earned by her 19 year old brother.

"All three years tuition as well as uniforms, books and the necessary \$20 monthly board charge will be paid by the Vincent Snyder Memorial Scholarship Fund. I am sure Susan will truly memorialize all the fine and honorable qualities of Arthur Lee Scifres. She has seen much suffering and will be a kind and compassionate nurse.

"I am proud to have found such a sweet and worthy 'Angel of Mercy'. I will send you her address and photograph soon, and know that you will hear from her shortly and hopefully, one day see her too. Please pass on my thanks to all in the SRPA and

southern friends who have contributed so willingly to help make these Scholarships possible." (End of Letter)

While I know that the obligations of daily living become increasingly heavy, even a small amount multiplied many times will open the door of opportunity to another young and dedicated life.

On July 5th in Knoxville, Tennessee, our SRPA's favorite gal Kathleen Smith slipped quietly away to eternal peace. Though five years of cancer destroyed her body, her spirit and courage never faltered, and she will remain in the memories of those of us who loved her as a symbol of nobility. Her many years as a registered nurse makes it fitting that as we watch Susan Dietrich walk forward into a life of service to humanity, we direct our efforts through our clubs and activities to provide the means to continue the work which meant so much to her.

occupied and although about 130 children were present, and participated in games and races, each received some sort of a prize or gift, plus free rides on the many new and thrilling rides, thanks to the following sponsors who made this possible: Kozak's Lounge, Lang Exteriors, Morton Cab, 7 Krask Bros. Movers, Sec. Joe Nemecek and Ed. Walczyk Fire Extinguisher Co. President Krask wishes to express his personal thanks to all the delegates who were in attendance and their sectional helpers, members of the Ladies Auxiliary who ably assisted and the Chairman of this affair Stan Zigman also extends his thanks to all, and especially the Bartas and the Ruzeks for devoting two weeks of their time and efforts that made this concession a success and to Al Miller the owner of the park for granting us this favor. The proceeds revert to the convention fund.

Incidentally Helen Krask was fortunate to win a huge four-foot tiger capital prize which she took along to Hawaii the following day. She made the trip to visit her newborn grandson and daughter who are living there as the son-in-law is in service. Angie Moncada also won a capital prize a four-foot lion so her grandchildren will have a ball when they visit her. I understand Al Moncada lost about 20 pounds and is maintaining his diet which the doctor ordered and will be in good condition for his forthcoming operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nosal recently celebrated their 40th year wedding anniversary at the famous Prague Restaurant with over 100 guests present, both local and out of town. Many local pigeon fanciers were in attendance and we all enjoyed ourselves and extend our congratulations with best wishes for a future 50th year anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smicklas recently returned from a Florida and Puerto Rican vacation and decided upon a Hawaiian Luau and Lawn party at their home. The party was made up of some of those fanciers and wives who journeyed on to Hawaii from

Greater Chicago Center News

By JAMES A. RUZEK, Berwyn, Ill.

The old bird series are over with and we in this area were very fortunate in not having any smash races, leaving most of the teams intact and now the culling period is in force. The early birds who bred their teams in January and February have them trained sufficiently, whereas, most of us have just begun our training and must catch up, but at least they will be fresh and not burned out, like so many who trained them 100 miles several times.

The winners of the average speed from 100 to 300 miles were, 1st S. Kowalski, 2nd James Bria and G. Vandembroucke 3rd. From 100 to 500 miles, 1st James Bria, 2nd G. Vandembroucke and E. Van Rengen 3rd. Steve Bilek again won the 500 Mile Championship Derby which was shipped as an alternate race in conjunction with our regular 500 mile race and Steve won this also which is quite an honor.

The 1000 mile race from Billings, Montana, was won by Vic Naydol of the Oak Lawn Club who also had the 4th winning bird, second was Jeffries of Aurora, third was Tom Mihaljevic and I understand about 18 birds were reported out of a total of 73 shipped. This is a joint venture of the North Shore and Chicago Combine and again several fanciers missed shipment due to arriving at the Club late due to the early departure of the plane, so next year plan to be early.

Fairlyland, Fairlyland, what a beautiful amusement park for a picnic and our booth with lovely stuffed animals and toys for the benefit of the membership was again poorly patronized. It is the same story, the officers and a few faithful patronize this affair and do all the work, and those who did not come out, where is the co-operation and help that was needed. Nevertheless, the picnic was a grand success, most of the tables were oc-

the California Convention, all of which were attired in Hawaiian clothes, and each presented with leis. The patio was of the island motif, fish nets and pineapple with Hawaiian records on the Hi-fi and of course pork, beef barbecue, punchbowl spiked with rum, cakes, cookies, kolacky, vanities, with plenty of food and drinks of every variety. Present were the Kozaks, Nemecoks, Mazzantis, Pragits, Wieruses, Fogel, Kardos, Petrlik, Ruzels, and members of the Smicklas family and their friends. Dan's daughter-in-law led the girls in the Hula and Hookey Lau and later in the evening enjoyed viewing colored slides and movies of our convention trip. Incidentally Richard Fogel was 83 years old and was presented with a huge birthday cake and doubly enjoyed this combined Luau and birthday party. I am sorry to report that Richard yesterday suffered a dizzy spell and bruised his head at home and had eight stitches put in the cut and bruised his thigh also. He is rough and tough and drove over for a game of rummy and says he is feeling o.k.

Recently Charlie Svej (Cicero Loft) was confined at the Hinsdale hospital with a siege of pleurisy which aggravated his emphysema condition. He is convalescing at home, however, has developed a case of shingles on his arms but is in good spirits and enjoyed our visit as well as others who come to visit.

It is with deep sorrow to report the death of Joe Lanick of the South Side also known as the Midland Dairy Loft due to a heart condition. He was an outstanding top notch flyer in this area and his birds are known to win in all parts of the country and has a host of friends throughout the states. He was active in civic work and his services and membership will be missed by all. To his bereaved family we extend our profound sympathy.

The oldest racing pigeon fancier in the country Alois Janssens of Chicago died of natural causes at the age of 105. He flew pigeons in Belgium and continued his hobby here until just a few years ago. He served in the Spanish American War after obtaining citizenship, and participated in all Memorial Day parades until 100 years old and insisted on walking instead of riding in an official car. He was active until just a few years ago, when his vision started to fail him but was in good health and spirits. Condolences were received from President Nixon, the Mayor and the Governor of the State and the newspapers carried a spread about his career. To his family we wish to express our deepest sorrow and sympathy as he was a great man and respected by all that knew him.

Ray Zotti of the West Side who lives in ultra conservative Oak Park, Ill., was notified officially that he is in violation of the city code, which forbids the keeping of any poultry, pigeons, etc. in the community and must dispose of his birds. We appealed his case to the city manager and the sanitarian as he had the birds for three years and the original ordinance referred to fowl and later was revised to include pigeons. Ray

insisted he was being discriminated against although the neighbors respect and speak highly of him, but officials said the ordinance must be upheld. This case is being referred by the city manager direct to the village president and trustees for reconsideration and we hope some good will come out of this case, as we wish to have the ordinance amended, to permit keeping of pigeons by a member of a recognized pigeon organization.

In a recent article, captioned "Memories" by Mark Gordon he commented on my article, that perhaps was misunderstood, in that I mentioned the fact that Sunday morning a group of us visited the Flea Market watching birds of every variety, cats, dogs, etc., being sold and some real good youngsters were being offered for sale at \$4, 1971 banded with ownership cards, whereas, some fanciers at the famous name lofts were paying \$100 and up for birds. This was not intended to slight or discredit any of the big name lofts, as we in Chicago also have our Maxwell Street Flea Market and birds are sold for \$1 a piece by the hawkers, but who wants to buy them. I heartily agree that if you want some real authentic pedigree stock with established records, you must pay the price as no one in his right mind would give his best birds away, yet my wife must be right because I give all my winners away, also have paid fancy prices for many birds, also received some good ones from friends without charge. I believe that in order to perpetuate the sport especially with the beginner, you must give him a good foundation and generally they

can't afford to pay for them, then once they really get the bug, especially when they win a race or two, it makes you feel proud too. I trust my European fanciers did not take offense to my article as I was speaking in generalities and this merely reflected my observations. Incidentally the individual who was selling the birds was a real fancier who had a surplus of birds and offered to take the purchaser to his home to view his birds, records and diplomas, but for the record none of our group bought any.

Our Hawaiian visitors Hayven Wong and Dave Morton brought along a copy of a news clipping from the Honolulu Advertiser showing Gov. John A. Burns signing into law Senate Bill 1091 directing the Dept. of Health to start issuing permits for fanciers who keep their lofts in good order. The pigeon lobby won a victory, so with State approval, pigeon fanciers can now keep up to 50 birds in a loft in a residential area, up to 200 birds out in the country. The Bill thus bypasses a Honolulu zoning ordinance which, by cracking down on feathered friends in residential zones, threatened to put many of the lofts out of business. This is the best piece of legislation ever passed anywhere and the sponsors deserve a world of credit for their efforts.

Just received word from Al Moncada that Joe Joy of the Northwest Concourse passed on and at this time no funeral plans were available. Joe was an honorary member of the Chicago Combine and to his family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Southern Racing Pigeon Association

By MRS. EDNA SCIFRES, Greenville, S.C.

Wilmington, N.C. — The SRPA OB race series came to a close with the 500m race flown on May 29. Weather conditions were mixed over all the 11 southern states, and of the 28 cities that shipped birds, only 20 reported birds in race time. The further north weather conditions were reflected in the calls from two of the larger clubs, Alexandria, Va., with 15 lofts and 132 birds, and Norfolk, Va., with 17 lofts and 167 birds. Both reported their birds held over in Atlanta due to bad weather, and much the same came from other areas. Good news from more successful clubs, and the happiest and well deserving winner of the SRPA first place diploma was Jack Keen of Orlando with 1120 ypm. Day bird also for D. Gross of Savannah taking 2nd place. Newell Adair, Chattanooga, L. Chappell, Columbia, P. Jacobi, Ft. Pierce, took next three places, and our SRPA President Tommy Baldwin of Wilmington, S. Trombetta of Atlanta and J. Abrams of Wilmington took the final diplomas. Congratulations to all these fine fliers and to all who competed so honorably to make the 1971 OB Series interesting and enjoyable. The entire SRPA membership is indebted to Race Sec. Bud Baldwin, Secretary Will Baldwin, Pres. Tom

Baldwin and "Special Assistant" Mrs. Peg Baldwin for their efficient and friendly co-operation during the season. They will look forward to serving you again when the SRPA Young bird series begin with the first race on September 26. Good luck to all.

Savannah, Ga. — Bob Fennell writes: The club completed a most successful OB series with the SRPA 500m by getting day birds for the 2nd time this year. This is quite significant as day birds have only been reported twice previously over a 25 year period. Buddy Gross was the winner with 8 out of 13 races to his credit, and naturally sewed up Average Speed in all categories. Trophies were awarded at a banquet in June, 2nd Av speed to Fennell.

Thompson, Ga. — Carlton Ustry, just released from hospital following treatment for a black widow spider bite reports a good season, and hopes of joining the SRPA shortly. He released birds for West Palm Beach 500m races, and was glad to hear that they had 45 day birds on one race, and some on all. Carlton remarked that Al Stains had told him that it had been eight years since they had had day birds every race so he was well pleased.

Valdosta, Ga. — SRPA Dir. Jim

Malone writes of a good race season and further work to improve the club bulletin, Quill, which he puts out regularly. New clubs may wish to contact Jim for assistance in setting up by-laws, race rules, etc., as he kindly offered his services.

Orlando, Fla. — Jack Keen writes that he and Peg had planned to quit racing, but here they are with a loft full of 500 mile birds! 14 of them in a day including the SRPA 1st Dip winner, and a 1st Dip in the Central Florida Combine competition. He said that Dewey Stone had brought his finest racers and know-how to them, and as many of their birds had FBI bands on them, the combined strain now bore the name of the Florida Barnstormers Inhibited! The George Van Durmans had a rather disappointing trip to Belgium as George suffered a leg ailment which forced an early return to the States. He did see some relatives, but found most of the welcome mats in the Belgians' lofts pulled in for race season, as competition is tremendous and each has its own guarded secrets. Mike Washburn of the CFC plans to retire in Orlando upon completion of an overseas assignment in Thailand.

Chattanooga, Tenn. — July 4th week-end saw many happy fanciers attending the annual YB show, dinner and meeting. Out of towners included Ray and Pauline Norman and good friend Carl Franklin who hauls the trophies for both the Chat and Greenville clubs YB shows from Birmingham, much appreciated Carl. Credit for the success of the activities goes to hosts Sleepy and Gay Elam, Ed and Melba Beckman and Kay Boles and Betty Adair. Newell Adair served capably as judge, and class trophies were well distributed. Top competitors were Bill Barkley of Alabama who took Best In Show with Ken Martin of Jackson, Tenn., winning BOS. Elam, Wicker, Price, Payne, Boles, Davis, McMahon, Haden, Beckman and Scifres hoping!

The Pigeon Fancy In Britain (Continued from page 516.)

Country so as to enable fanciers to take their birds to the shows, rather than send them by the railway, where the freight charges are so high that it is a luxury only the rich can afford. At only the classics can one expect birds exhibited from all parts.

Tumbler Talk

(Continued from page 515.)
ics has been learned in fairly recent years.

We now have quite a number of fanciers in various breeds that are students of pigeon genetics. They are working primarily in introducing new colors to their favorite breeds. In Tumblers we have a number of new colors being bred. The fanciers who devote time to such projects should be given encouragement. The more colors we have in Tumblers the more attractive the breed becomes!

Regarding Al Grace

I was sorry to hear that Al Grace has been hospitalized. He does an outstanding job of publicity for the Muff Tumbler Club. Let us hope that he is back home with his family and

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birds by the time this appears in print. There seems to be an upswing in Muff interest and much credit is due Al for his efforts.

Questions and Answers
(Continued from page 517.)
for eight pairs of birds be? — C. D., N.J.

Answer. — 1. It is not necessary to divide cocks and hens when the so-called breeding season is over. The birds are much more contented if you leave them together. If you are exhibiting your birds you will wish to separate them to get them into perfect plumage and trained to pose, etc.

If on the other hand you are raising them for racing purposes and stop breeding them say in May and June, it's nice to leave them together, and when the hen has laid two eggs and when they have nested and hovered them for ten days, you can take the eggs away from them and break them. Don't hesitate to leave them together if you are not racing them or exhibiting them. They will be much happier. They will raise a lot of squabs unless you break the eggs. The squabs are delicious eating unless you are very, very tenderhearted.

2. You didn't tell me what breed of pigeon you are raising, so I can't answer this question accurately. I am going to assume that they are about the same size of a Racing Homer. The best suggestion that I can make is to have a loft big enough to hold

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I hope this will be of some assistance to you.

Flying Tipplers As A Hobby

By WILLIAM G. HOFFMAN, North Linthicum, Md.

For the fancier who admires a straight-flying air performer, who likes to spend his leisure hours at home, and who finds fascination and a feeling of contentment in the mere sight of a kit of pigeons wheeling high in the heavens, I heartily recommend the Flying Tippler.

To me there is nothing so restful and soul-satisfying as to sit or recline on the lawn in one's backyard on a balmy summer afternoon watching a kit of Tipplers so high in the air that their wing movements are undiscernable to the naked eye. Five tiny specks against a flawless blue background. Five tireless little bodies seemingly floating on the breezes in the manner of butterflies. Now and again they disappear from view only to reappear in another quarter of the sky.

Now they fly before the sun and their progress is difficult for the watcher on the ground to follow. Were it not for the presence of one dark colored bird in the kit, their position would be undetectable even with the aid of colored sun glasses. At last the watcher tires of peering into the glare of the sun and directs his contemplation to the awe-inspiring grandeur of the white clouds high in the early summer sky. His reveries are interrupted moments later by the appearance of the kit passing before the clouds. They have descended several hundred feet since they were last seen, but they still remain at a height that defies identification of individual birds other than the dark one. They continue to lose altitude until they are but a few hundred feet above the loft, and as they lower, the radius of their circling grows wider.

Now they begin raking away, first to the south, now to the west and then to the north, always reappearing above the loft from a different quarter. Their ramble grows longer and longer and flying as they are, at a comparatively low altitude, it becomes increasingly difficult for the watcher to keep them in view from his spot in the shade.

Finally on one of their rambles they are joined by a young Homer who has apparently lost his bearings, and now they begin climbing in an effort to shake off the intruder. But the latter appears to enjoy their company and seems determined to stick with them. No matter how they climb, dive, twist or dart, they are no match for the Homer in speed due to the difference in wing action of the two breeds. Whereas the wings of a Tippler beat the air more times per second than those of a Homer, the former bird actually covers less distance in a given time than the latter. No doubt it is from this peculiarity that the Tippler derives its so-called butterfly style of flying.

But now the kit has risen to a tremendous elevation and is flying wildly. No longer do they maintain their perfect formation of a few hours. Instead, each bird appears to change positions on the turns, and

there is a general air of confusion prevalent. In desperation they finally split up into several segments but the interloper refuses to be thrown off by this maneuver, he simply singles out one bird and remains with it until it rejoins the rest of the kit. This merry chase might continue for anywhere from a few minutes to several hours but the Tipplers never cease in their efforts to elude the unwelcome visitor.

But this particular game finally comes to an end when a second Homer appears on the scene at the exact moment when the kit again splits up on a turn. By mistake or intention, the intruder, instead of singling out one of the Tipplers to follow, takes off after the second Homer and the two rake away into the distance. Our five little friends now rid of their pursuer again settle down to a more leisurely mode of flying, but now they are beginning to tire and they take advantage of each favorable air current by gliding or soaring. This act presents a beautiful sight to the watcher who fancies the Tippler's style of flying in preference to the acrobatics of the Roller or the headlong speed of the Racing Homer. The birds fly in this style with a minimum effort, with wings outstretched to the side and with a barely perceptible hint of wing movement. Occasionally there is a slight wing movement noticeable as they wheel about on the turns, this possibly to compensate for some variation in the velocity of the air current. However, the writer on one occasion timed a kit that was soaring at an altitude of not more than two hundred feet, probably less, and failed to note a single wing movement for almost eight minutes.

The kit, now refreshed by their brief respite, again takes to raking back and forth across the sky at a medium height, but as the day is drawing to a close their rambles are not as long as those earlier in the afternoon. Soon it will be dusk and their day's work will have been completed. Another half hour of raking and the owner decides that it is time he began trying to drop them, as he knows from past experience that the longer they fly into the dusk, the more difficult becomes the task of getting them down. This kit has been trained to droppers from the time the birds were five weeks of age, and since their initial venture into the air they have never been allowed to land on the loft until a White Fantail has been tossed into the air.

Now they fly directly above the loft, heads moving from side to side, awaiting the appearance of the Fan which is their signal to drop. The owner has by now removed his three Fans from the loft and has them in a box at the head of the yard. As the Tipplers again approach the loft, he tosses the first dropper which, with a great clapping of wings, flies immediately to the loft and settles upon the screen.

He now whistles softly to his little

feathered friends as they pass over on their turn about the block. They see the Fan and hear the whistling of their handler, both of which to them means food, drink and shelter. They have flown a good time today and are quite tired and hungry, but just as their hunger and fatigue has increased hour by hour, so has their nervousness increased. They are anxious to drop, but in the fast-fading light the outlines of the loft are growing progressively hazier. Time and again they approach the landing, tails spread, feet outstretched, wheeling in a tight circle only a few feet above the screen, lowering to within inches of their goal, only to lose their nerve at the last moment and go raking off for another series of turns about the block.

A second dropper is now tossed and the prisoners are chased out into the screen on the roof as an encouragement for the high-strung flyers to land. Now the kit is again directly above the loft and one of the bolder members decides that he has had enough for one day. With spread tail slowing his flight and his feet outstretched reaching for the framework of the screen, he halts in mid-air six or seven feet above the screen and begins lowering himself into what must appear to him as a bottomless void outlined only by the white framework of the aviary.

A second bird also begins to land, but the leader upon making contact with the screen, bounces a foot into the air and collides with the bird following him down. Off they go again in a panic, the remainder of the kit still in the air joining them. The sun has long set and dusk is rapidly lengthening into night. Just a few more minutes of fading light remains and only one more dropper remains untossed. The kit again circles for a landing and the dropper is thrown. They overshoot the loft and circle again, this time coming in lower. Directly over the screen they wheel sharply, the third Fan being a real "ace in the hole," attempts to fly up to them but drops back immediately to the screen and the flyers with tails spread, feet down and wings rapidly beating the air, slowly lower themselves to the framework. The owner swallows once or twice and his heart returns to its normal position in his body.

Now that the birds are safely down it remains for their handler to get them inside the loft without scaring them. An unexpected noise or an unfamiliar movement at this point will send them helter-skelter into the air again, and chances of dropping them a second time will be virtually nonexistent. He enters the house, raises the blinds and turns on the lights in all rooms facing the yard and thus casting a considerable amount of light on the loft. This done, he now returns to the yard and whistling softly, tosses a few grains of wheat onto the roof of the loft. The droppers having not yet been fed, and being tamer pigeons than the Tipplers, descend almost immediately from the top of the screen and begin picking up the feed.

The flyers, who up to this time

have been crouching tensely on the edge of the screen, now become interested in the goings on five feet below, and one of the bolder of the lot ventures to make the drop. However, still lacking confidence, he returns to his mates on the screen, but not for long. He tries again and this time makes it. Soon a second bird makes the drop, then a third and a fourth, and at last the fifth and remaining member of the kit lowers himself to the roof after several hesitant attempts. The handler, who during all the while was whistling softly, now slowly lifts a bamboo pole and ever so gently begins walking the drop-pers and flyers toward the open door of the cage. A few grains of wheat in the screen catch the attention of the Fans and they proceed to gobble them up avidly, thus hurrying the entrance of the hungry flyers.

As the last bird enters the door is lowered into place and the light inside the loft is switched on. A few grains tossed to the unfed birds remaining in the pen speeds the hungry Tipplers and Fans through the bolts. The former are then caught and carried to their own compartment where they will be fed and watered, and the door which has held the prisoners in the upper part of the screen is now raised, allowing them to enter the loft via the bolts and retire to their perch after being fed.

In the foregoing paragraphs I have attempted to portray a composite word picture of the pleasures, anxiety and satisfaction of Tippler flying as I have found it. I have tried to depict a few of the situations attendant upon an average good fly of, say, ten or eleven hours under ideal weather conditions.

However, the would-be fancier of this breed should not form the conclusion that Tipplers habitually fly high and long regardless of atmospheric conditions, condition of the birds themselves and the manner in which they are trained and handled. To form this belief is to invite disappointment. Much, too, depends upon the strain of the birds, some strains being possessed of the high flying trait to a greater extent than others. Indeed, some of the best longtime strains are rather consistently low flyers, having been bred thus for many generations to ensure greater control over them in the last hours of twilight.

The consistently high flying strains which possess the tendency to rise higher as the sun sets are looked upon with much favor by the Canadian and British fanciers who fly their kits in competition. By the rules of the sport, the kit must be dropped on the loft and the band numbers checked off by the timer in order for the flying time to stand. Even though a fancier's kit may outfly the kits of his fellow club members by several hours, he cannot win the race unless he can drop the birds and have them checked in. The existing time records have often been exceeded in actual flying but the times have not stood due to the inability of the owners to drop all or part of their kits. — Reprinted by request from October 1950 issue.

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An Experience With Tipplers Not Soon Forgotten

By MIKE DeLATTE, New Orleans, La.

Note by Editor. — The author of this article, Mike DeLatte, was the youngest Junior Member of the Crescent Flying Tippler Club at the time of the experience that he relates here.

I had heard of the fabulous feats of the Tippler, a bird with the endurance to fly for hours if fed properly. I had just joined the Crescent Flying Tippler Club and did not have any stock as yet.

I offered my services to keep time for the race on March 22, 1970. It was about 5:30 a.m. when E. R. Hernandez picked me up to keep time for him. He said that his son Melvin would liberate the birds at 6:00 a.m.

Although it was partially dark and cloudy, there was enough light to see the birds. The team of three birds of the Lovatt strain were liberated exactly at 6:00 a.m. All three birds went into a wide circle around the loft.

At approximately 7:15 a.m. the clouds gave way to a huge blue space into which the team climbed high. The clouds closed in; the birds came down. There was a good north wind blowing, but the birds did not seem to mind.

About 11:00 a.m. Mr. Hernandez arrived home from timing someone else. He was surprised to see the team doing so well. The day before, the yellow bird had lost two primary and one secondary flights. By this time the clouds had blown south, and there was a clear blue sky. The way the Tipplers soared was something everyone should have seen. It seemed as though the team was master of the sky. This was one of the best times to see them. They were making small circles with a graceful wing stroke.

At about 2:00 p.m. Mr. Hernandez was counting the minutes. He wanted to break the record of the CFTC which was eight hours and twenty-

two minutes, set by Don Plache's birds. The record was broken, and Mr. Hernandez said that since the birds had made it this far, they would go until dark.

Everything seemed to be going smoothly while Mr. Hernandez and I talked and watched the birds. We would watch the team climb and go off in large circles. Suddenly, at 4:25 p.m., the birds were making passes at the house as though they were going to land. The yellow funneled ten feet about the house, and started to drop. The two blacks swooped between the yellow and the roof of the house, seeming to carry her back to the large circles. The birds appeared to have picked up some reserve energy and flew with a lot more pep.

Later, Mr. Hernandez was worried about the birds coming down before night. The birds kept making large circles, not showing any weakness. At 5:50 p.m. the yellow landed on the roof with one of the blacks right behind her. The other black kept on flying. Mr. Hernandez ran to the loft quietly, so as not to frighten the two away, and released his white Fantail dropper. He then opened the doors to his sun cage, releasing several birds. Three minutes later the remaining bird circled three or four times, and landed.

The birds were trapped within five minutes. Mr. Hernandez was thrilled with his team of Tipplers and went to them. The yellow bird had brought the birds down early the race before, however there were no harsh words towards her this time. Mr. Hernandez was so happy that he kissed each member of the trio. He said that the birds were from Perc Hagan's imported stock of eighteen-hour birds.

My only hope and ambition now is to share the happiness Mr. Hernandez enjoyed when his birds came in with a good time.

Training For Long Time Tippler Flying

By NELSON A. BALMER, Toronto, Ont., Canada

Note by Editor. — The following article by the late Nelson A. Balmer is being reprinted by a special request from the July 1948 issue of the American Pigeon Journal.

From time to time we have been requested for information on how to make a kit of Tipplers do a long time fly. The following, therefore, is our own experience in this very interesting sport.

In the first place, choose from three to six birds of your own best fliers. If they are old birds, they must be all of the same sex, but if young birds are chosen, it does not make any difference. Cocks or hens will fly equally well, although, our experience has been that, as a rule, hens will fly higher than cocks.

Put the birds you wish to train in a compartment by themselves so that you can feed them according to a rigid schedule. The usual size of this train-

ing coop is approximately three feet square and three feet high, but almost any size will do providing the birds have room to stretch their wings to exercise.

If the birds are in fair condition, put them on a diet consisting of equal parts barley and wheat. If they are fat, put them on straight barley for one week. Feed them one egg cupful per bird in a flat tray, and, after they have eaten their fill, take the tray away, with any feed left over, and give them a drink of water. Then put a tray containing grit before them for a short time. After 10 or 15 minutes, remove the grit tray and water container. This is all the feed they will need per day and is to be given at night. By the way, when feeding wheat and barley, feed the barley first and after it is cleaned up, feed the wheat. The birds prefer wheat to barley and if fed mixed, will eat the wheat and leave the barley.

The birds are to be flown every other day until sunset, then throw the droppers to signal them down. In training, they should fly from two to five hours, according to the type of Tippler and their condition. When the dropper is thrown, if the birds respond in a few minutes, you will know that they have had enough flying; however, if they take 15 or 20 minutes to get down, the next time they should be put out a half hour earlier. In this way you get to know their best training time.

Always fly the birds without food or water. This is the best way to get them in good, hard flying condition. When they have dropped after a work-out, let them settle down for about half an hour before feeding. Then give them the feed first and grit, and water when through feeding. It is not necessary to leave food and water in the fly coop. Just give them food and water once a day, in the evening.

When the birds have been on this diet for three weeks, they should be in good flying condition and you can then give them what the Tippler men call a "feed-up" to see how they will do in a long fly. Three days before the fly day, give the birds Espom salts in their drinking water. For instance, if the fly is to take place on a Sunday, give it to them on Wednesday evening. It should be given in the proportion of one teaspoonful of salts to a pint of water. Do not fly them between Wednesday and Sunday. Thursday evening, give them a feed of small seeds consisting of equal parts canary seed, millet, and rape. Repeat this diet on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Then on Sunday morning about an hour before release, give them a light feeding of the small seeds and a drink of water. If they are in good shape they will likely not want very much, but try to get them to take a drink anyway. Release them a few minutes after sunrise so that they will have all the daylight possible in which to do their flying. If the Tipplers are of a good strain and trained as above, they should fly a good long time for you.

In June 1946, we flew a kit of five young birds, trained as outlined in this article, over 16 hours. The droppers were thrown at 16 hours and 4 minutes, but the kit continued to fly right on into the dark and consequently we were disqualified in the race. The fly rules specify that a competitor must drop his birds and have the band numbers checked by the timer in order to qualify for time in the race. Fortunately, the birds all came home the following morning, but in very poor condition after their all-day fly and missing their feed at night.

To show that one colour flies as well as another for us, this kit was composed of a Mottle, Print, Dun Print, and Solid Yellow. Upon maturity, they turned out to be one cock and four hens.

This method of training has proven very successful for us and we hope that other fanciers will profit by it, too.

Wives Important In The Tippler Hobby

By MRS. BETTY KAY SKIRAKBARI, Fort Smith, Ark.

Life with a pigeon fancier can be most interesting and enjoyable; but when he's a Tippler fancier, it's even rewarding.

I didn't know one single thing about pigeons until I met my husband. He told me of the birds he kept while growing up. I thought it was interesting and informative but that was all. Since I've always loved birds and animals, I encouraged him to get started with pigeons again. I found they can be lovable and in some ways almost human. It didn't take me long before I became quite attached to them. Then when our first round of babies hatched, I found myself completely wound around their little nails. I recognized each one and even named a few. And as he lost some babies, like women sometimes do, I'd cry for them. Since Tipplers have to be trained for flying, my husband sometimes would get thoroughly disgusted with me when he found me in the fly pen hand-feeding them. That's stopped now since he's begun serious training.

Our most enjoyable times are in the evenings, sitting in our yard "Tippler Watching." But as my husband begins to train and fly them, my heart stops each time they take off. There is something awesome about watching a kit rise higher and higher in the sky. It's exciting and keeps you spellbound by their magnificent flying ability.

On our vacation to New York I went along to the Nassau-Suffolk Pigeon Show. I had never seen so many beautiful pigeons. There my husband won his first Tippler trophy and I was so proud of him.

I have found the most rewarding thing about the Tippler fancy is that wives can be part of their husband's hobby. We sit at night and talk Tippler. I watch him train and fly them, and I feel a part of what he loves. Girls, don't let this pass you by. Show an interest and learn. Then pretty soon you'll find "your husband's birds" have become "our Tipplers" and he'll love you for it.

He let out some of his birds so that I could see how they should fly. The only thing I can remember is my mouth opening a mile wide. I couldn't see them until the clouds moved away and the blue sky was in the background. That was true high flying, the kind I hope to have some day. Sometime later I was ready to put out a stock of Tipplers. If I remember correctly, it was around twenty. Boy did they fly. They flew in twenty different directions and did not look anything like my friend's. I called him and he said they are learning how to fly like a baby learns how to walk. Give them time and they will straighten out. Well I did and in about a month they were flying together about three hours daily. I was very happy for my friend had given me what I wanted.

I started to wonder how long can these birds fly so I joined the FTA and they sent me a lot of information about the birds. I found out you cannot fly real good times with a lot of birds. I also found that there are different ways to condition the birds to fly longer and longer. It takes a lot of time and a lot of trial and error but it really pays off. It took me some two years to get an eight hour fly out of them. This is a great pigeon who can grace the sky hour after hour at great heights. I am a member of the American Tippler Union. In the club there is not one member who will not aid a fellow member. It is a good club with many flies being made between the eight and twelve hour mark.

In conclusion, I would like to say if you like to see pigeons fly high and long, there is only one way to go — the High Flying Tippler.

My First Encounter With The Flying Tippler

By CLIFFORD HEATH, Oakdale, N.Y.

I was visiting a friend of mine when I first discovered Flying Tipplers. He told me he had imported them from Canada. He had about two dozen youngsters that he was flying. Well the time came and he let them out for their daily exercise. In no time, they were high in the clouds almost out of sight. I knew then that they were for me.

Until that time, I had raised short-faced Tipplers. Well out they went and I brought home two pair of High Flying Tipplers. They were very nervous and it took them about a month to settle down. When they finally settled down and started to dive and look for a place to nest, I knew it wouldn't be long before my first youngsters would be raised. After the eggs were laid, I noticed that both cock and hen would sit in the nest together. After the eggs hatched, the same observation was made. When I went to check the young, the parents would both snack me with their wings. They were very protective.

At about eight weeks of age, I put the four youngsters in the fly pen to get a look at the surrounding area. Three days later I put them on top of the loft roof. They did not look as if they were ready to fly. After a week on the roof constantly trying out their wings I chased them off. They seemed to go straight up almost like a helicopter. They flew around for about ten minutes and landed on top of the loft with the aid of a little corn. I think that was one of my most thrilling events to ever happen to me. At twelve weeks of age I wanted to see some real flying, so I chased them off the roof with a rag on a pole. Well that did it, did they fly. I watched them fly out of sight

and they never returned. I was really let down but I knew it was my fault.

I picked up a copy of the APJ from my friend who got me started. I called up a man who was very nice and offered to help me. I bought a few pair of Tipplers from him and he told me how to handle them and feed them.

How I Became Interested in Tipplers

By JACK SUNDERMANN, Jackson, Mich.

When I first became interested in pigeons I had the common old street pigeon. I knew they had no value but I enjoyed them. I watched them for hours at a time and enjoyed most watching them fly. They, however, did not fly enough. I wanted something that would fly not for just ten or fifteen minutes, but for hours and hours. Since I had never heard of the Tippler, this seemed almost impossible. I just gave up on the idea of any birds such as this existing.

After the thought of this had far vanished from my mind, I decided to get some fancy birds. I did not know exactly what I wanted, but I wanted something that I had never had before. I contacted a fellow who had many different kinds of pigeons and picked some out from some pictures that he had sent. I ended up with many different fancy breeds, but I still had nothing that would please me in its flying. One day when I was glancing through the booklet which contained the many breeds of birds he had to offer, I noticed down at the bottom of the page a section which I had somehow overlooked. It stated he was offering high and long

flying Tipplers. These birds, from the description sounded just like what I was looking for. I decided to order a pair to try them out. I waited for about a month and then released them. I did not chase them the first few days out, as I was worried that they would leave. I was anxious to see if they would fly as good as this fellow claimed. I did not expect much, but hoped that they would at least fly better than the other breeds I had. I chose a clear windless day that seemed like a perfect day for flying, and then chased them up. Within a matter of seconds these birds were up like tiny specks in the sky. I knew right then that this was the breed for me. It was almost dark before they finally came down. I had finally found what I had always wanted.

As I continued to fly them on an every other day schedule, I soon became so interested in them that I decided to dispose of all my other birds. I began writing to the various Tippler clubs, and asking information on this amazing little bird. I soon found that these birds were flown in competition and had flown all the

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English Trumpeter News

By ROBERT "BOB" NOLAN
San Clemente, Calif.

A recent invitation from the new Secretary of the International Bokhara Trumpeter Club Frank Barrachina to co-author with him a bi-monthly column on Trumpeters has caused this writer to respond happily in the affirmative. Once again this gives the English Trumpeter and Bokhara Trumpeter people a chance to work together in close harmony as was done with the April 1970 Trumpeter Special. In this day of protests, unrest, and petty differences which overflow even into the innocent world of pigeons it is indeed refreshing to see two breeds working together.

Since hopefully this writer and you the reader will share many moments together in the months ahead, some type of self introduction seems warranted. For if one is to consider information and advice, he should know the source, the qualifications and the background from which it comes. So here goes.

Robert Leonard Nolan, born Pasadena, California, June 5, 1943. Started raising pigeons in 1951, attended first pigeon show 1954, at the old Glendale Civic Auditorium. Like many boys raised many varieties over the years, including utility Kings, Jacobins, Fantails, Rollers, Tipplers, Bokhara Trumpeters, Norwich Croppers and finally English Trumpeters.

Early encouragement by my parents and by such fanciers as John Beckman, Bill Pensom, Harvey Gatlin and Paul J. Stefanson established a life pattern that created a staunch fancier to this day. Began raising English Trumpeters in 1956, original stock obtained from Harvey Gatlin, Paul Stefanson, Gene Darnel and Orville Voeks. Charter member of Western American Trumpeter Club, having served as both Secretary-Treasurer and more recently as Publicity Director of that association.

Began exhibiting at out of state shows as early as 1957, and continues to believe strongly in this practice. Successful show record at both local and national level. Varied judging experiences in both Canada and U.S.A. Helped prepare the APJ Trumpeter Special. Traveled widely having met every major English Trumpeter breeder in North America. Occupation: school teacher in Anaheim, California, graduated from Chapman College, B.A. in History and Physical Education, married to the former Elizabeth Etzold. Father of a seven month old daughter Launi Ann.

Now with the formal introductions out of the way let's look ahead to what this writer has in mind for future columns. First I will attempt to initiate a series of columns discussing the various colors being bred in English Trumpeters. Every conceivable aspect of these colors will be discussed including show quality

of the color, the leading breeders, how best to breed the color, famous winners past and present. I will also endeavor to provide an outstanding photograph each month of the color being discussed. So our course is charted and hopefully it will lead us down some interesting trails, through problems and solutions towards hopefully a worthwhile experience for all.

Thanks To Perc Hagan, Travelers Rest, S.C.

By JOSEF KRIEGER, West Germany

I am an old man and I have bred and flown Highflyers and Flying Tipplers since the years before World War II in my home town of Homburg, Lower Rhine, West Germany. Another fancier was living in my neighborhood who had imported Flying Tipplers from England. I saw them flying in their excellent style and when I asked him for some birds he always said he would not part with them. So I had to wait some time to get real Flying Tipplers.

Some years ago I retired and so I became a member of the German Club and took part in the official competitions. When Perc Hagan of Travelers Rest, South Carolina, U.S.A., sent the German Club an extra present for one of the oldest Tippler fanciers in my country, Heinz Kaupschaefer believed I was that man to get this honor gift. I was awarded an artist bowl for beer, the typical German drink you all know. On it was painted in color a Light Print Flying Tippler and the name and address of Mr. Hagan.

I think it was a great gesture of this American gentleman to do, because we need the international fraternity in our common Flying Tippler Sport very much. Therefore, a big "Thank You, Friend Hagan!" For the 1971 season this gentleman has presented the German DFU a trophy for the best flyer of the junior club. Many thanks, again!

How I Became Interested in Tipplers (Continued from page 525.)

way up to the 20 hour mark. I learned of the various strains of Tipplers which had set outstanding records, and how these records were made official. A Flying Tippler Association bulletin was sent to me along with some other material that was of interest. From these I learned who was competing in the flying contest, and what times each of their birds had flown. I learned that most of the official records had been set with only three birds to a kit.

I then joined the Flying Tippler Association and managed to get a few top quality birds. I have been raising these birds ever since, and would highly recommend them to the beginner as well as the experienced fancier. With the Tippler there is always competition, and there are good birds in many top strains available. If you like flying birds you will like Tipplers. Try them and see for yourself. For more information write me at 632 Woodworth Road, Jackson, Mich., 49202.

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Bokhara Trumpeter Review

By FRANK BARRACHINA III
Sec. I.B.T.C., Shelton, Conn.

The only way to start off this new column is to say that Trumpeters, whether they be Bokhara, English, German, Dresden, Bernburg, or any of the other varieties, are the fastest growing breeds in America today. Why is this so? Because the Trumpeter clubs are going way out to show the Fancy what great birds they promote, even more so, all Trumpeter men are helping novice breeders with good stock and a lot of sound mature advice. Believe it when you hear it, Trumpeter fanciers are a different breed. So why bang your head against a wall with a club or breed that is going nowhere fast? Maybe you are just tired of belonging to an organization that promotes sales with long-winded tales. Give it some thought, because Trumpeters offer more challenge, beauty, and satisfaction than you could ever imagine.

Bob Nolan will be handling the English Trumpeter end of this column, while I will be holding up the banner for the Bokhara. But we will also try and help give the breeders of the other varieties of Trumpeters a fair shake.

Plans are starting to come to life for a great annual meet of the International Bokhara Trumpeter Club to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, in November. A lot of really great birds will be on exhibit at that show, along with a great turnout of prominent and sincere breeders. The beauty isn't in going and trying to beat everybody; no, the beauty is in meeting the breeders, hearing those beautiful voices, and getting excited at seeing so many breath-taking birds. Watching your birds judged by a real good judge will really be an education. When you come down to it, isn't this what you've always wanted, to have a breed and enjoy them to the hilt? I don't want to forget to mention that our Eastern meet will be with the one and only Grand National in Atlantic City. A grand show it will also be.

Perhaps you are starting to think about it all now. Maybe the rugged Bokhara Trumpeter will turn you on. Remember one thing though, they aren't the easiest pigeons to breed. But then again, anybody can pick up ten pairs of easy "riders", put them into a coop and breed a pile. But this isn't what you want, is it? Imagine having four or five pairs of Bokharas and raising something that yields pride in accomplishment. This is where it's at for me, how about you?

Speaking of clubs, I think you might even enjoy belonging to the IBTC. For once in your life you can get a bulletin in the mail that is cheerful, informative, and full of news. Why is this so? Because the

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Breeding The English Flying Tippler

By ROBERT B. FUNK, President, Hialeah, Fla.

Much has been said about the origin of this bird and how it obtained its name. We know that it is a manufactured breed and, from its size, appearance and characteristics, that it is basically from the Tumbler family. If we had Tumblers prior to Tipplers, then it is sound logic that the name Tippler came from breeding the tumbling out of the bird. The first offspring had, and sometimes still do have, a tendency to "tip-up" in their flying.

As a matter of fact, I recently lost, through old age, a bronze mottled cock that, in his old age, developed a single complete roll. This is the only bird I have ever owned in Tipplers to do this since 1932. The bird's ancestry, through pedigree, can be traced back to the 1920's imports of English Tipplers into Canada. I have never owned Rollers or Tumblers, per se.

As in color genes, this tumbling aspect of the bird can only be classified as a "throw-back" quality. The ancient adage in the Flying Tippler hobby is to breed best flyer to best flyer, never to color or body style. It is for this reason that many of the old die-hards like myself seriously challenge any show standard for the English Flying Tippler.

Again, as a matter of fact, I have a very productive AOC hen that has within the past year and a half given me Light Prints, Dun Prints, several AOC's, one Red Print, one Red Mottle, and a Blue Smut. I have not had a red marked bird hatched in my loft in a half dozen years, all of them lost or disposed of. I have never had a Blue Smut cock in my loft, only hens, and I have not had a silvered barred cock since the 1950's, or late 1940's.

So, if you breed best flyer to best flyer, the Tippler pigeon can afford you any combination of surprises.

One loft in Canada, in the 30's and 40's, kept nothing but yellow and red marked birds. Another, nothing but the extreme light print. Both lofts had their distinction in colors and fair flyers, but never the record setting times of the men from which the original stock came.

It is a challenge for a breeder to breed a handsome bird to an ugly one, just because they both fly well, but this is the name of the game, Flying Tipplers.

There are significant drawbacks in breeding especially to the person who must limit the number of birds he keeps. On one hand, certain families of birds within his loft breed better than others, certain ones fly better than others. Also, the wing action of all the birds in your kit should be as close as it can. This comes from family. Witness the "team of horses", brothers pull better together. Witness the nest mates, the two, regardless of sex, when young, make a better flying kit. But you need three birds to fly in competition and this is the ringer — to get three pairs of breeders to breed you three sets of youngsters, off the nest at the same time, and from the same good flying and

good wing action family.

Why? This first of all makes for uniformity in wing action. It makes for uniformity in feather moult. It gives you a cock kit and a hen kit, because you are not going to break any records, when the birds mature, with mixed sex kits. As Stock Fly, yes, if your loft is basically of good breeding.

The drawback, in the main, comes from the breeder who has perfected a kit that has set a record and wishes to keep up the good work. His family lines may "click" and then fall back. You cannot inbreed and line breed for too long a time without certain flaws in the birds becoming predominant.

When you try to introduce new blood into your champion line, as good as the new blood may be, you are again an experimental breeder. You are starting from scratch.

I have entitled this article The English Flying Tippler for that is what the Flying Tippler is, a British concoction, and beautiful that it is. Many families, or better, strains, have developed in England. Take the Billingham Blacks for instance. Sam Billingham developed a basic black Tippler with some white markings. Sam set a record. But Sam's blacks could not cross with any degree of record-setting success. Their flight pattern was wild compared to the Butterfly Wing Action of the birds from Doug Prud'homme and Nelson Balmer of Canada, who, in part, obtained their blood lines from Storey of England.

The Storey bird, for your information, is the one adopted as the trademark of the Flying Tippler Association of America and has for years appeared on the Club's letterheads.

Again, since feathers are all-important in helping the bird fly, breeding of feathers, so to speak, becomes all-important. The broader the main flights are the better. Diet will not bring you broad flight feathers but it will bring you hard quill. Hard quill is essential. You can test the quill of your birds with your thumb nail. If it is soft, the diet is off. If it is hard and the flights broad, you are okay in the feather business. Of course, lice and pigeon flies will eat at the feathering of your birds, so they must be bug free also. If lice eat at the feathering they destroy it, and you must lose a year until re-moult, in which time you no doubt have lost a good flyer.

There are legends in the flight of the Tippler, but all of them make good common sense. Witness the following:

If your perfectly-bred kit is in moult unison you will hear a "whistle" of the wings as they fly near in their training. When the "whistle" stops, the kit is feather ready. If one bird in your kit has a feather problem he can drag the kit down.

Also, you can watch the tails of the birds in the kit. If the kit rakes close by enough to see the tail and if it appears tight together, they are

still flight minded. If the tail of one or all of the kit birds begins to spread, they are in the dropping mind. They want to come in. It is time to toss your droppers if in training. You have had it, if trying for a record time.

While good feather, as explained, is most important, the physical condition of your birds, naturally, is important to a good flying kit. You have problems, because, the basic concept of a Tippler is a wedged shaped bird, yet, too deep a keel will tend to give you too heavy a bird. Shallow keel, good flyer, is part of it.

There are many variations of feeding the kit in training and build up for a long time fly attempt. I will not attempt here to dwell on feeding in this article. The idea is to get your birds in good health, with proper diet and regular exercise. Among the descriptive legends is the saying that a bird in good condition, when held in the hand, should feel like an empty can, hard, firm and light. There again is your challenge, to get not one, not two, but three or more birds in this condition.

Another old tale is that of the length of the tail in respect to the length of the primary flights. I personally have only seen one "clan" of Tipplers so constructed. There may be more. But the owner of this clan has never made flying distinction. Yet, for what it is worth, one concept is that the primary flights should reach to the tip end of the tail. The idea being that the longer the wing, or wider the wing span, the greater the air buoyancy. You can take that for what it is worth, but as I have said before, there is a degree of common sense here. If the tip of the primaries is an inch or more shorter than the length of the tail your bird is too cobby to be a good flyer generally speaking.

The hallmark of a good breeder-flyer is a person who, over the years, can continue to develop race winning kits. He does not need to be a record breaker, one on top of the other. If he is consistently better than the rest of the club, on the average, year after year, he is a very accomplished English Flying Tippler fancier. I have in mind specifically the late Nelson A. Balmer and the late Douglas Prud'homme, both of Toronto, Canada. These men were the greats of their time. I deem it a great honor to have known them both through the mails and Mr. Balmer through his personal visit to my loft.

Bokhara Trumpeter Review

(Continued from page 326.)

members of the club are energetic and full of pep. No, there aren't many sideline guys that pass the buck. I am willing to wager that more letters and visits go on with Bokhara Trumpeter men than with practically any breed.

If you would like one of our bulletins do drop me a line. I know you will be glad you did.

Next time I will have some information on how to breed a good Bokhara. But in the meantime, give us some thought.

Renew your subscription promptly.



Organizations

California Pigeon Club News — A Rebirth

By LOU FERRARI, Publicity Director, San Jose, Calif.

Many pigeon clubs today reach a certain level of growth and then suddenly, the growth process declines.

One such organization which had this particular problem was the California Pigeon Club. The CPC, now in its 72nd year, is the state's oldest pigeon organization. Throughout the years, some of the biggest and best-run shows have been staged by the CPC. Like most "good things", this soon came to an end. About ten years ago, the club became lackadaisical. We knew we could handle 600 birds at our annual show quite easily. We soon found the club in a rut, mainly due to a "too sure of ourselves" attitude, which cast a dim shadow on the club's future.

However, with lots of hard work and club-member cooperation, things have begun to look up. 1971 is going to be a banner year for the CPC. A rebirth has taken place. Still being one of the state's largest clubs, we are soon to be one of its most progressive and rapidly growing organizations.

The rebirth began on December 2nd of last year when our annual election of officers was held. Our Executive Board is now comprised of some of the most knowledgeable and hardest working fanciers one could find today. By joining the NPA and taking an active part in the American Pigeon Journal, we now are a part of the two greatest organizations in the pigeon kingdom.

Attendance at our monthly meetings is better than ever, but more important, everyone has a marvelous time. Besides the monthly articles in the API, we recently did a gig for Channel 36 TV in San Jose, which was quite successful. Booths were set up at the local fairs and, at present, we're working on a newspaper article.

I'm not sure what the goals of the California Pigeon Club were when it was started at the turn of the century but recently we have adopted two additional ones. The first is to "acquaint the public with the fact that the breeding of pigeons is not a nuisance but a very popular hobby as well as a very prominent part of our society" and the second is "to provide an organization where fanciers and interested persons can get together to discuss, exhibit, breed and in general, learn about the sport of pigeon raising."

The "Pageant of Feathers and Fur" was held during the Alameda County Fair, from June 26 through July 11. Although being a small show it was

run very well and everyone who attended had a great time. The California Pigeon Club made a terrific showing, winning almost all of the trophies.

CPC first place winners included Hans and Carol Hamann, Fred Wrobel, Bill Crawford, Lou Ferrari, Sandy

American Pigeon Fanciers Convention a Success

By VIC TRUAX, Rockford, Mich.

It was my pleasure to attend the American Pigeon Fanciers Council July 24th and 25th. Not only was it a pleasure but I felt it an honor to be able to shake hands and talk personally with the many great men of our pigeon hobby.

Soon after we, "my family and I", arrived at the Airport Ramada Inn, we went to the large hall which had been reserved especially for this Council. We were met by Mrs. Thelma H. Snyder of Norristown, Pa. and registered. Thelma, as everyone called her, is a very gracious and attractive pigeon fancier. Her publication, American Racing Pigeon News, is a must for anyone interested in Racing Homers or for that matter pigeons in general.

As the afternoon and evening of Friday the 23rd wore on more fanciers began to arrive so that by late evening several groups were sitting around the hall having rap sessions. In fact, I know of one session in particular that moved from the hall to one of the fancier's rooms and continued till nearly daybreak, or was it daybreak.

Saturday, July 24th at 9:30 a.m. the Second Annual Meeting of the APFC was called to order. Introductions were made and we moved right into the day-long program.

Dr. David Cardian of Ralston Purina Co. gave an interesting and informative talk on Nutrition. Did you know that if you feed pellets no grit is necessary, and that the extra salt in grit will cause the droppings to be loose?

Next on the agenda were talks by Dr. J. L. Skinner and E. E. Finebrock regarding 4-H Pigeon Clubs, their successes and contributions to the young fanciers of America. Both of these gentlemen are outstanding men in their 4-H work.

Did you know that 43 diseases can be transmitted from dog to man and only 23 from pigeons?

Ferrari, John Phillips Jr., Lou Bacchi, Ron Bordin and Russ Cunningham.

Manual Sarmento, Conrad Meis and Leon Babbitt did an excellent job of judging over some tough classes. The CPC also had a beautiful booth displaying many varieties of pigeons and literature about our club and the hobby in general.

Special thanks to Sandy Ferrari, Carol Hamann and Bill Bronner for their work on the booth.

Official results are now in from the June 13 Golden Gate King Club Show. Grand Champion King went to Fritz Freitas with a beautiful Young Silver Cock. Champion White was won by C. Miranda with an Old Cock while Lou Bacchi took Champion Blue with an Old Hen. The two repeat winners were Fritz Freitas who won Champion Black and Lou Bacchi who had the best Squeaker.

The CPC thought for the month is: "Contentment lodges oftener in cottages than in palaces."

Noon luncheon was called at approximately 12:30 p.m. and all in attendance moved to an adjoining room where lunch was served by the Ramada Inn.

Guest speaker, Dr. L. E. Hummel gave a talk on Saxon color Pigeons, and set up a display of these beautiful color pigeons for all of us to view. The color on these birds is something to behold.

Did you know that a product called "Show Go" or Horse Block will give your birds that extra sheen and enhance their color?

By 1:30 p.m. we were back seated in the conference hall listening to Dr. W. F. Hollander give a talk on Genetics and Rare Breeds. Dr. Hollander put out a plea for someone or some organization to rescue and house the many pigeon freaks he has acquired. Did you know there is a Porcupine Pigeon?

The next on the long list of speakers, Dr. J. W. Quincy, Editor of Pigeon Genetics Newsletter, gave a moving and most exhilarating talk. Of all the wonderful and informative speakers I felt this man attained the most attention, not only during his short talk but all through the two days of rap sessions. Not only is his delivery superb, he has a way of reaching each individual. He is a walking storehouse of information and facts on pigeon genetics and pigeons in general. One can sit and listen for hours and not get bored. If you are ever in need of a guest speaker and can acquire his talent, I guarantee you a moving and motivating experience.

Next came Dr. Earl L. Hanebrink with his talk regarding our many extinct birds such as the Dodo bird and the Passenger Pigeon. Did you know that in less than 50 years the Passenger Pigeon went in numbers from 50 million to zero?

Tanner S. Chrisler gave the next talk on Color Breeding. He handed out a chart or key to patterns which

anyone can follow and explained its use. I am looking forward to a closer study of this to see if it will work with my Nuns. I am sure that it will.

A summary of the day's programs followed, then a short break, and everyone was back for a wonderful dinner and superb entertainment, all through the courtesy of Ralston Purina Company. The group called, I believe the Purina Farm Group, were all very outstanding entertainers yet each has a job of one sort or another working for Ralston Purina.

Saturday evening was spent mostly in rap sessions, with a few of us going out for an evening in St. Louis.

Sunday a.m. found us all back in the conference room listening to Neno J. Spagna explain his newly founded Registry of Pigeons. If you have any champions in your loft I strongly recommend your registering them.

Henry A. Sadewater, Jr. gave a most interesting talk on the Eye Sign and what it means. How you can tell a breeder from a flyer or a long distance bird from one that is not. Some day I would like to learn more on this subject.

Thelma Snyder and Frank H. Hollmann gave a short oration on Publicity and Publications. Both of these outstanding people deserve much for their efforts. For where would we be if we did not have the APJ or the ARPN.

Next was a conference on Pigeon Ordinances and Racing Homers by W. A. Bonwell, Jr. and James A. Ruzek. Did you know that most ordinance problems are caused by the fanciers themselves, dirty lofts, unsightly surroundings, free flight, etc?

Sunday noon luncheon was served and our guest speaker was a young man all the way from Christchurch, New Zealand, Brent Marshall. Brent told us of the pigeons in New Zealand and how it is impossible to import or export pigeons. Let's hope this can be changed in the very near future. Brent. It was a real pleasure for all of us to meet this very fine gentleman from so very far away.

Dr. J. W. Selby gave a most interesting talk on Pigeon Diseases and Cures. He told us how difficult it is to get new products on the market, talked about a few of our pigeon diseases and what to do. Did you know that there is a new product called Flayl that will completely eradicate Canker from your loft?

Last but not least was Tanner S. Chrisler. He showed us how we can improve our Shows, draw new members and advertise. All our Shows would improve if our Show committees would follow his advice.

A business session was held. Thelma Snyder gave her report and officers were elected. All there agreed that Dr. Peavey and Frank H. Hollmann did such a good job that it was a unanimous vote for these two very outstanding gentlemen to continue their present positions another year. They so accepted by switching jobs. Mrs. Snyder graciously accepted another term as Secretary-Treasurer. It was voted by all to continue with the American Pigeon Fanciers Council another year. Next Council will be the last week-end in July. Same place,

the Airport Ramada Inn, St. Louis, Missouri.

I urge each of you to plan now to attend. The facilities are excellent, the company unequalled. I learned more in two days than I have in the last five years at the Shows.

I sincerely hope I didn't forget anyone, but there were so many fine speakers and fanciers present that I may have let one slip by. My apologies if I did.

One last item. The attendance was more than double that of the previous year and it is hoped this figure will double again. I am sure it will when word gets around as this is the place to go if you want to get "in the know."

See you in St. Louis, July 29-30, 1972.

Yearling and Young Bird Show Racers At Utah Meet

By CASTLE C. CHILD, Midvale, Utah

Summer is fading fast, the lawn shows and summer meets are over, and the early fall and winter shows will be here in less than a few weeks.

July saw the Salt Lake area having another good showing of yearling and young birds. All the color classes were well represented with the black checkers and Grizzles being the largest. Silver and Red Check classes had few entries but those shown were of good quality.

In the finals top honors went to Clair Tepfer of Caldwell, Idaho, with best young male with a Grizzle. Dennis Stav of Orem, Utah won best yearling hen with a Dark Blue Check. The trophies for best yearling male and best young hen went to Castle Child on Black Checks. The yearling male won best of show.

Mr. Tepfer shipped a very nice entry of 16 birds to this Salt Lake show. Clair was unable to attend in person, but we enjoyed having his always competitive Show Racers at this meet. He promises to be at the ASR 4th District showing in Salt Lake this December.

Other ASRA members who had some promising young birds and placed in the ribbons were A. C. Child, DeWilton Brown, and Dennis Park of the Salt Lake area.

Judging at the Yearling and Young Bird show was done by Charles Morrison. Chuck having the birds for years did very well in selecting and placing them in the ribbons.

Last year at this time it was said the 1970 breeding season looked like one of the worst on record. From all reports from around the ASRA and the looks of the youngsters at this meet it looks like the pendulum is swinging around a full 360 degrees. A good number of fanciers report a tremendous year and are looking forward to the Fall and Winter shows.

This was the summer for '71 and it looks like the show fever has started to mount again in the ASR. Here in the Intermountain West the fanciers are looking forward to the December Show Racer Classic. Come join your friends at a real enjoyable pigeon show. Attend your district meets, your friends will all be there to welcome you.

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Some Thoughts About Flying Tipplers

By EDWIN KROELING, Oberhausen, Germany

I was asked to write a little bit about my experiences in Tippler flying. I am the record holder here in West Germany. My kit of four old cocks flew 17 hours and 55 minutes on Whitsuntide 1963. This record is still existent.

Well, I am a fancier who was born in Danzig, East Germany, now Poland. In Danzig the highflying pigeon sport was the hobby of many hundreds or thousands of men who all like to fly Danzig Highfliers or other breeds. After world war two I came to Oberhausen, a town in Rhineland.

I love the long endurance flyers and I cannot understand that many of my friends say they fly their birds only for personal pleasure not for competition flying. Our club here arranges long time flying contests and I must write that my wish is to reach the first place of the race-list. You see I am an enthusiastic flying man like many other people here.

In 1958 I saw Tipplers the first time in my life, namely at a Fancy Pigeon Show at Oberhausen. On the cards of the pens I read the name "English Tipplers" and I also could see a kit of young birds which had flown a German Young Bird Record with 11 hours and 31 minutes (Lorenz Huliczka, Offenbach, Germany). At the show I met a Tippler man and he said to me that beginning with 1959 they would like to found a new club under the name "Deutsche Flugtippler Union" (German Flying Tippler Union).

I bought two Flying Tippler hens and gave them to my Danzig Highfliers. After three days I let them free. One bird of them would not fly but the other one flew on higher and higher like a lark into the clouds. Darkness came and this bird was not in the loft. I had seen these little birds could show me a fly better than my Danzig Highfliers had done before.

On the first meeting of the club I met Mr. Huliczka, a man from Hungary. I bought from him two pairs of these so-called "English Tipplers", amongst them two birds which had flown the record time of 11 hours and 31 minutes. I made a new loft for them and a flying trap on the roof, boxes for the flying kits, etc.

The youngsters of these two breeding pairs came separately in a small loft and now I thought on the first start they would fly a good time. Some Homer fanciers of the neighborhood came to see my "record birds". But they did not fly! After some days they did. But they flew only to another roof and that was all. The first young bird competition was coming and I gave them good food as written in books. My birds became fat and the result was blamable: only 1 hour and 45 minutes flown time!

A friend of mine said, maybe, they are the wrong type. So I bought new Tipplers from other fanciers but now real "Flying Tipplers". Not the best birds but good flying blood from im-

ported strains. From other friends I had heard to use white droppers. So I bought also a pair of white Fantails.

The first round of the new three breeding pairs (from three different types! Also a mistake as I know today!) gave me six youngsters and now I saw real Tippler flying! The pigeons came on barley only and each fly was finished by setting the droppers out on the roof.

I have my own method of feeding. One week before the fly day I feed from day to day a little more good food. On the first young bird fly my kit of 5 youngsters flew 12 hours and 18 minutes. That was a second place in the DPU-contest list.

From the three pairs I bought I have kept only the best pair. It came from Ubald Flake, Herten, Germany. From the same loft I bought another cock and from these three birds I bred all my stud in future! You see it is better to have one good pair than a hundred not so good pigeons.

They are from all colors. But I have not bred blacks and yellows. My birds fly very high when they are young, very often into the clouds. But they don't keep this high all the time. After an hour or so they come lower to fly again into great heights. The training time is 3 hours when on barley only. At night they come low and therefore I can work with my droppers.

On Whitsuntide 1963 a kit of four old cocks flew 17 hours and 55 minutes which was a new German Old Bird Record. One week before the fly day the same birds still flew 15 minutes more into dark. But on the contest they came down before the time. But you can understand I was "high" to reach such a good result after only 6 years of experience.

My Flying Tipplers will not fly without a little wind. They need wind for long time flying. When I set my pairs together I mean it would be good to have very good hens. The quality of the cocks is not so important for me.

Tippler flying is a wonderful hobby for me, especially, the competition flying.

My winning kit is on page 509, photograph made by my friend Heinz H. Kaupschaefer, who is also a Tippler flyer in our country. He is well known by his articles and pictures. In Germany and other European countries he has published many, many articles and photographs of our charming little pigeons, the Flying Tipplers. He is an intelligent young man and a very enthusiastic Tippler fan, who has done very much for the Flying Tippler sport in West Germany.

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A Flying Tippler Meeting at Enschede, Holland

By HEINZ H. KALPSCHNEIDER,
Dorsten, Germany

On June 12 the Dutch Flying Tippler Club (NVC) had arranged a summer meeting at Enschede, a town near the German-Dutch frontier. Fifteen Flying Tippler fanciers were present there. It was a fine day for us all.

At the home of W. Knol, Secretary-Treasurer of the NVC, we saw his wonderful lofts in the garden. A kit of eight young birds flew all the time high up above the house.

Next we visited the lofts of Mr. Oude-Wolbers who showed us a kit of four old cocks in the air. He has real high-flyers. This season he has flown very good times in NVC-competitions.

Another Tippler flyer in Enschede is Mr. Zoetman. At his home we saw a team of four Tipplers. But we were told it was not his kit. He has a neighbour who also flies Tipplers but is not a club member. Mr. Zoetman has small but very fine lofts in his little garden.

Hans Reich, Secretary of the German Flying Tippler Union (DFU), his wife, and I were guests of the NVC. I have taken many photographs and filmed many scenes. Next time I will show a special Flying Tippler film at the yearly A. G. Meeting of both societies.

Many thanks to the wives of Messrs. Knol and Zoetman for beer, coffee, lemonade, and cake.

The Dutch club has very enthusiastic members I can write. They came from Amsterdam, Delfzijl, Harlingen, etc., to this meeting. I speak the Dutch language so that I was able to translate all for the German visitors. Dutch and West German Flying Tippler men are good friends.

After this day I received a letter from Mr. Oude-Wolbers in which he wrote me the four cocks had flown 18 hours and 15 minutes on that date but he could drop only one bird at night. The other ones flew into the night and came into the flying loft next morning. A remarkable flying result!

St. Clair Pigeon Club Lawn Show

By TOM RHOOD, Marine, Ill.

The St. Clair Pigeon Club held their Annual Lawn Show on August 1, 1971 at the Club Home. The day turned out to be a beautiful day for a pigeon show. Many pigeon fanciers also thought this as well over 300 birds were cooped for the show. After a potluck lunch the judging was done by Cal Ashton, Frank Schmitt, Howard Viehmann, and Elmer Peters.

Following are a few of the breed champions: Fantails, Jerry Kitchens; Oriental Frills, Cal Ashton; Pouters, Frank Schmitt; Modenas, Ernst Kanton; Tumblers, Russ Schoen; Jacobins, Ed Hohn; Kings, Ron Wilhaber; and Trumpeters, Tom Rood.

Many breeds were well represented such as Fantails, Modenas, Oriental Frills, and Racing Homers. The St. Clair Pigeon Club is planning their Annual Winter Show for November 19-21 in Belleville (Swansea), Illinois. Why not plan to attend?

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A Visit to Jacobin Breeders in Michigan and Canada

By LEROY A. TRAUB, South Elgin, Ill.

Recently completed a trip through Michigan and Ontario, Canada and as a by-product stopped to visit a few fanciers on June 22 and June 24. First stop was Bay City, Michigan and Louie Christener erstwhile President of Central Jacobin Club. Louie has some fine youngsters in all colors and will give a good account of himself at shows this year.

We also discussed and placed 1971 Central Jacobin Club annual meet at Fremont, Ohio on December 10, 11, and 12th, 1971 or Port Huron, Michigan on January 14, 15 and 16th, 1972.

Sectional meets are located at Chicago Heights, Ill. on November 5th and 6th, 1971 and at Pittsburgh, Pa. on November 19, 20, and 21st, 1971. Entry blanks and premium lists for all three shows will be sent to you. Judge for annual meet will be Paul McNorgan. Judges for sectional meet will be made up of teams of Central Jacobin Club members who have judging experience.

Next stop was at Paul McNorgan's home just west of London, Ontario, Canada. Paul has a fine group of youngsters, about 60 banded with some nice young blacks, reds, and splashes.

After leaving the McNorgan loft we stopped off at the old master's loft Roy Borg. Roy has also some excellent youngsters in black, yellow, and red but has been having some trouble with fertility this year. At Borg's home as house guests were the Paul Muhlmanns formerly of Berlin, West Germany and soon to be residents of London, Ontario area. Muhlmann was probably the top Jacobin breeder of Europe but had to sell all his birds when he moved to Canada.

Paul will be soon joining the Central Jacobin Club and raising and showing Jacobins again and should be a real asset to our Club.

Also at Borg's home we have son-in-law Al Taylor who now has his own loft and is breeding blue and silver young Jacobins. Al has some good stock and a few nice looking youngsters.

Next on to Niagara Falls for a day or two then for a stop at Ed Bachmann's home and loft at Pontiac, Michigan. Ed again this year has a loft full of excellent young, over 70 banded as of June 15, 1971. Ed has some fine youngsters in all colors, especially red, yellow and black.

Also new fancier Cliff Mercier of Pontiac came over to Ed's home and we had a good discussion of Jacobins. Cliff has some excellent stock birds for Ed Bachmann.

Much discussion on the new color class established at last Central Jacobin Club meet. A meeting of the minds among Christener, Borg, McNorgan, Bachmann, Perkins, and Traub are the following for the new Splash Class in Central Standard. A. Feathers to be solid colored whether they be White or another color. B. Jacobins to have markings of other colors, that is white head, tail, and wing flights. C. Bird to present a mottle or tiger appearance and to be as evenly splashed as possible. We think that after first

few years that a picture of the Splash Class Jacobin will be implanted in the minds of most Jacobin breeders as to what a splash Jacobin should look like.

New splash will be installed at all three meets this year, the two sectional meets and the annual club meet.

Paul McNorgan, an old time Canadian breeder, will look over all the classes and will give his opinion on the new splash class as he is judging.

As for myself when I got home from the trip I found five dead youngsters and many broken eggs. My son, who took care of the birds left individual pen doors open and chaos resulted. Do have 21 banded as of June 15, 1971 and 14 young in nest unbanded and about 12 fertile eggs. I have some fairly nice young in black, yellow, blue and silver, especially blacks.

Garry Perkins has some nice young also with about 25 banded and some nice ones on the floor.

Remember and mark the show dates on your calendar. Everyone should be able to make at least one of the meets this year as they are well scattered and dates are far enough apart to suit everyone.

Watch the American Pigeon Journal for publicity on Central activities by Garry Perkins.

Ideal Roller Club News

By CHAIG J. RILEY, Ramsey, N.J.

I hope all of you are well pleased with your breeding season, and with that one young'un that may just come through a winner. Now that the feathers are dropping, a little Cod Liver Oil should keep your birds happy and healthy. My kits are slowly coming around, but believe it or not, my hens fly higher and roll more than my cocks. Maybe it's because my cocks hit the skies in the early morning, and the hens at night, or maybe it's just one of those things.

News from local clubs: The Southern Roller Ass'n will show with the Carolina Pigeon Club on Nov. 6-7. Contact: John Castro, Route 3, Duncan Road, Greenville, S.C. 29609.

The Chesapeake Roller Club informs me of their fly results: 1st, Ray Hartle 141; Charles Albaugh 68; George Wagner 49; Norm High 29. The weather was very windy, and generally a bad day, but still there was some competition. 2nd, Stan Schmansky 77; Charles Albaugh 65. Again the weather was miserable.

Great news for the shows. Thanks to the generosity of the Ralston Puri-na Corporation. They'll donate feed for our shows. Just another reason to show with the Ideal. Our club, unlike many here in the East, continues to grow. Projected by the end of 1971, our membership should top 100, more than double that of last year. Band sales finished at 4,000, up from 1,500 of last year. Let's help our club reach even higher peaks of efficiency, so it's better for the members. For the larger the club, the better off the members are.

Western Pennsylvania Pigeon Club

By HAROLD STRAWNAIK, Port Vue, Pa.

On Sunday, July 11, 1971, a record rainfall for the date greeted the annual summer show of the WPPC. The show was set up in the No. 3 building at the South Park Fair Grounds in Allegheny County. The three men responsible for setting up the show were Larry Geneske, the WPPC Secretary, Willy Valentyn, Asst. Superintendent and Harold Stubbs. These men worked all of Saturday morning and into the heat of the afternoon to get things ready for Sunday. Even though it rained up until 3 p.m. Sunday it didn't keep the spectators from looking in. Thousands of people flock into South Park each week-end for picnics and recreation. Some of them went home seeing their first pigeon show.

Judging started at 11 a.m. after all of the 16 varieties of 195 youngsters shown by 17 exhibitors were in their cages. All judging was done by club members. Those participating in the judging were: Ed Fisher, Harold Strawniak, Fred Altman, Bob Stewart, Frank Naper, Bob McKee, Jerry Gagne, Tom Berich, Lee R. Jones and Nick Froboeck. Judging was completed at 4 p.m. when 15 trophies were handed out to the proud winners. Those proud winners and their birds were:

Best Homer young hen, Mark Beirbower. Champion Homer, Mark Beirbower. Champion Chinese Owl, Bill Patrick. Best Roller young cock, Bob Stewart. Best Roller yearling cock, Lee R. Jones. Best Roller yearling hen, Fred Altman. Champion Roller, Bob Stewart. Champion English Trumpeter, Bill Patrick. Champion English Pouter, W. J. Casey. Champion LFCL Tumbler, L. R. Jones. Champion Fantail, Bob McKee. Champion SF Helmet, Harold Strawniak. Champion Modena, L. R. Jones. Champion Jacobin, Bob McKee. Champion Nun, W. J. Casey. Champion Swallow, Frank Naper. Champion German Beauty Homer, Nick Froboeck. Champion Show Racer, Greg DePalma. Champion Frill, L. R. Jones. Champion Moorhead, Joe Hines. Champion AOV CL, W. J. Casey. Champion AOV Feather-Leg, Frank Naper.

During the course of the show, the refreshment stand was a busy place with hungry exhibitors and spectators. Those responsible for the huge success of the refreshment stand were three wives of our members, Diana McKee, Betty Strawniak and Pat Gagne. Many thanks go out to these girls and those who donated food and supplies to the refreshment stand. They were: Harold Stubbs, Willy Valentyn, Tom Berich, Mrs. Altman, Pat Gagne, Diana McKee and Betty Strawniak. We all thank you for your help and donations and for making the show a great success. And a special thanks to our Asst. Show Superintendent who made this the most profitable summer show to date for the WPPC.

At the completion of the show a brief meeting was held. President Frank Naper called the meeting to

order at 4 p.m. Those present were: Joe Hines, Larry Geneske, Bob McKee, Bill Patrick, Fred Altman, Mark Altman, Mark Beirbower, Harold Stubbs, W. J. Casey, Nick Froboeck, Mike Froboeck, John Bernat, L. R. Jones, Greg De Palma, Tom Berich, Ed Fisher, Ron Ingram, Jerry Gagne, Pat Gagne, John Trimble, John Trimble Jr., Bob Stewart, Robert Bryga, Harold Strawniak, Cedrick Allen, and Arnold Naimark.

After the approval of last month's minutes and the report from the treasurer, the committees made their reports. Harold Strawniak reported along with Willy Valentyn that they received a letter from the National Chinese Owl Club, stating that they are thinking of showing a district meet with us this November. There are certain rules that the NCOC abides by and they want to know if the WPPC would honor these rules. The letter was turned over to our Show Superintendent who in turn will get in contact with the NCOC. Harold Stubbs suggested that all members of the WPPC wear badges of some sort at our November show to identify each member of the club. It was made into a motion and accepted that we wear identification badges at our November show. Mrs. Altman donated her services to look into the making of the badges.

Joe Hines said he received some phone calls from different fanciers who wanted to know who was putting on the Great American Classic. In the API, the July issue, the WPPC was not mentioned as the sponsors of the Great American Classic. Frank Naper, our President, announced that all the future ads of the shows that the WPPC will sponsor will state that the WPPC is sponsoring such and such show.

Fred Altman presented the name of John Dadosky to take the place of Carl Silvey to judge Rollers at our up and coming November show. Carl Silvey could not attend the show because of his work. Mr. Dadosky was accepted to take Mr. Silvey's place.

Willy Valentyn was next to take the floor. Willy remarked to the club that our November show was in need of a S.F. judge and presented the name of Ray Orbach as being a worthy man to do the job. Upon presenting the name of Mr. Orbach, Willy turned the floor over to Harold Strawniak for further discussion on the matter. Harold mentioned to the members that there were only a handful of men in the Pittsburgh area that breed the S.F. pigeon and a man like Ray Orbach can create competition in the area by drawing in birds. The downfall of many a pigeon man is to have his birds judged by someone who knows very little about that particular breed. Nick Froboeck made a motion that we accept Ray Orbach as a judge. It is very possible that he could draw in S.F. birds and give our S.F. breeders more competition. Nick's motion was turned down flat.

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Pensom Roller Club News

By JIM BRADLEY, Sec., Groesbeck, Texas

The Texas skies are clear and the weather is hot. Feathers are flying now and there is just no prospect for good flying weather. The Rollers are shedding the old ragged feathers and the new bright ones are beginning to peek through. Fall is a few months off yet, but everyone is thinking about what they have raised this year. We will know soon whether this past breeding season was a great one or whether we will again say "Wait until next year". I've said it so many times.

The big talk at this time is the forthcoming National Roller Show which will be another joint PRC-URCA affair. The Portsmouth Roller Club in Portsmouth, Ohio, is the host club and it looks to be another classic. The last joint National had nearly 900 entries and set all sorts of records for quantity and quality. The dates for this granddaddy of all Roller shows are the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in December. Make plans to attend and I'll assure you, you'll never be sorry. Judges selected to decide who will have the next National Champion are: Henry Schulteis, Jr., of Topeka, Kansas; George Gilbert of New Jersey; Jim Bradley of Texas; and Don Hieggby of Maryland. This will be the time for all good Roller breeders to renew old friendships and to meet others from all over the United States. Don't miss it.

Just a note to all of the Pensom Roller Club District show chairmen: I have sent out show report blanks that will be furnished you to fill out. The Club Secretary must have a list of the winners of all our District shows in order to properly score the Master Breeder points to those deserving breeders. Please list the entire band number of each winning bird, including the prefix number and year. This is the only way that I can determine the breeder of each bird. Many thanks for this effort.

We have sold 16,000 PRC bands this year and we have 17,000 in 1972. It appears that the interest is still very much in evidence and to those of you who were unable to obtain 1971 bands, I am sorry. We cannot afford to purchase too many but I feel that in 1972, every one will have his order filled. I am receiving many orders already and the first several thousand bands have already been reserved and paid for. Remember, I cannot ship bands unless your annual dues for that year are paid. Several have sent in payments for bands early but have failed to include the \$5 for dues. I just can't ship the bands until I get the dues.

The Southwest Roller Club has just completed its annual Yearling-Young bird show at Fort Worth, Texas, and with an entry of well over 400 birds, it was a dandy. Ike Hart, Bob Schoonover and Bob Alcorn did the judging and what an outstanding job it was. Thanks fellows for a job well done. Floyd Mayberry of Duncan, Oklahoma, was the big winner, closely followed by Paul Gilbreth of Louisiana. I'm sure we'll have these winners at the big ones in Portsmouth.

I want to thank all of the members who sent sympathy cards and other-

wise expressed their sympathy to my family during our recent great loss. May God bless all of you. My father was truly a fine pigeon man and he did like to watch them fly. We all miss him.

Your Publicity Director, Jim Petersen, has done a wonderful job with his bulletins, articles and other informative work. Help make his job a bit easier by writing him. Send him photos, articles and what-have-you so that he might have materials to share with all the members. He's a great one and we must help him when we can.

My wife and I are looking forward to our long trip to Ohio in December to the National show. I am sure that we will meet so many that have been correspondents over the past several years. We will see you in December.

Flying Tippler Ass'n of America

By NASSER SHIRAKBARI, Pub. Dir., Fort Smith, Ark.

Our Tippler Special has been a collective effort of all American Tippler fanciers. Their financial support and their hard work in preparing articles and photos has brought us a Tippler treasure which we can be proud of and enjoy for many years to come. Our overseas friends took part by sending material and helping in the making of the Special. On behalf of the FTA club, many appreciations are extended to all of you Tippler fanciers here in the U.S. and abroad for making the Tippler Special possible and a success.

A round-up of the competition series as reported by John Harris, Central Timer, indicates a promising future for our flyers and the sport.

1st Spring Series: Walter Buraczewski 11-08; Vic Jendzo 10-20; Joe Rounbehler 9-39; Jack and Pat Ehi 8-43; Nasser Shirakbari 5-15.

2nd Spring Series: Joe Rounbehler 10-33; Nasser Shirakbari 3-19; Earl Grollman 2-38.

3rd Spring Series: Joe Rounbehler 9-18; Vic Jendzo 7-30; Walter Buraczewski 6-58; Jack and Pat Ehi Disq.; Nasser Shirakbari Disq. (My kit was hit by an intense storm at 8:45 a.m. Droppers were released at 9:39 a.m. in an attempt to get them, but the birds continued on flying under heavy rain and washed down at 12:31 p.m.) Disqualified for not being able to drop the kit within the hour.

1st Summer Series (Young Birds): Walter Buraczewski 4-12; Tony Sinko 4-03; Vic Jendzo, no report.

2nd Summer Series: Bob Kennedy 5-06; Joe Rounbehler 2-40; Tony Sinko Disq. (Sinko's birds after flying 5-16 failed to trap).

3rd Summer Series: Walter Buraczewski 5-16; Joe Rounbehler 2-46; Bob Kennedy Disq. (Kennedy's kit were released at 7-12 a.m., failed to drop the kit before dark which were last seen at 8:50 p.m.) A similar thing happened a couple of years ago when I visited Bob Kennedy. A kit was released at 6:00 a.m. and he could not drop them at dark. They were last seen at 3:30 p.m.

Robert B. Funk, FTA President, is going on an European tour during the month of September. A trip to England is a part of the plan. Mr. Funk

also plans to pay a visit to W. Lovatt in England. He has obtained an import permit for four pairs of Flying Tipplers. At this time I am not sure which strain he will bring with him. Bon Voyage Bob.

Tim Kvidera of St. Paul, Minnesota is in service and at this time is stationed in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Tim and his wife Lynn will be guests in my home during the Labor Day holiday. We plan to give them a big time.

Wish all of you many enjoyable hours with your Tipplers.

Coming Pigeon Shows in New England

By JAMES F. FONSECA, Medford, Mass.

On October 31 the New England Pigeon Association 80th annual show will be held at the new Elk's Home, Chelmsford, Mass. Show opens at noon with classes for adult and young, section set aside for juniors and 4-H members, free parking, rest rooms, brunch bar open all day. The C. E. Twombly Memorial Medal will be offered at this show. Championship plaques will be given for best of breed, also ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and American Pigeon Club specials offered to members. The feature of the show will be the Giant Sweepstakes. Show secretary is Col. E. H. Springfield, 17 Middlesex Ave., Reading, Mass., 01867. All are welcome to exhibit and attend this annual pigeon show.

On January 30, 1972 the Merrimac Valley Pigeon Club will hold their annual winter classic at the Elk's Home, Chelmsford, Mass. Parking area for 1000 cars, rest rooms, natural light at the judges table. Old Fashioned New England snack bar open all day. The Frank W. Gorse Memorial Medal will be offered at this show and beautiful championship plaques for best of breed, ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and American Pigeon Club cash specials offered to members. Classes for adult and young, coops set up for junior fanciers and 4-H members. This is an open show, all are welcome. An announcement will be made soon, telling about the king's size annual prize. Show secretary is Gene Sweeney, 27 Court St., Lowell, Mass., 01852.

Bayshore Variety Pigeon Club

By HAL ROONEY, Publicity, Lakewood, N.J.
The Bayshore Variety Pigeon Club will hold its 7th Annual Open Young Bird Show on Sunday, Oct. 17th at Duffy's Irish House, Bray Ave. and Port Monmouth Rd., East Keansburg, N.J.

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American Show Racer Association Elects New Officers

By CASTLE C. CHILD, Midvale, Utah
Castle C. Child of Midvale, Utah, has been elected President of the American Show Racer Association, it was announced recently in the ASRA Bulletin following their general election of officers.

Elected to Vice-President was Art Kehl of Watertown, Wisconsin.

James McKenzie of Norman, Oklahoma was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer for his second term.

Also elected to serve as District Directors for two terms were Melvin B. Nunnally, Richmond, Virginia, First District; Harold Meyer, Ixonia, Wis., Second District; A. J. Wilson, Mesquite, Texas, Third District; Bob Trane, Fresno, Calif., Fourth District; Robert B. Stephens, Ontario, Canada, Fifth District.

Appointed by Mr. Child, the new President, to serve as ASRA Band Sales Secretary is Clair D. Tepfer of Caldwell, Idaho. Ted W. Klein of Tacoma, Washington, will be the club's Publicity Director.

Anyone interested in joining the American Show Racer Association can contact any of these men or write directly to James McKenzie, 1332 Barbour St., Norman, Oklahoma, 73069. Yearly dues in the organization are \$4.

For ordering your 1972 ASR bands please contact Clair D. Tepfer, Route 1, Caldwell, Idaho, 83605. ASRA bands are 10c each.

The club wishes to thank everyone who so greatly helped in anyway to make the August Special Issue of the American Pigeon Journal on the Show Racer such a big success. We thank you and welcome you to the fellowship of the ASRA.

Michigan Tumbler Club News

By JIM FREES, Pub. Dir.
Traverse City, Mich.

It is with sadness, that in writing the publicity for our club, I have to inform you of the passing of one of our members, Lewie Osten of Port Huron, Mich. He had just started back in Tumblers last winter. He was so excited about it that he joined our club at the Winter Meet. We of the Michigan Tumbler Club grieve this passing of a fellow member and good friend, and extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

I have not heard too much from any of our members this summer, except from our Vice-President, Russ McCormick and also Dave Beard. Both of these guys have had some pretty good results in producing some real nice youngsters. Russ has been working on bringing the blue Muff Tumblers up to the rest, and has really come a long way toward good results. Dave Beard is breeding B.H. C.L.'s in black and has just started in blues. Arlie Larkin of Traverse City got off to a little later start, but he has some really nice ones in C.L. mealies.

I must tell you about a two-day vacation I took this summer: The greatest thing happened to me. I was invited to go visiting up north to Cheboygan, Mich. Except for the Winter Meet, I haven't taken any time

off work for the past 18 months and it sure seemed good to get away for a while. I don't ever remember of having so much fun, or experiencing such joy. I don't ever remember being treated like a king before, and not even for one moment was I left unattended by host. Man, this is what I call paradise.

If any of you fellows ever go fishing on Mullet Lake in Cheboygan and see a young man out there on one water ski, who is a better skier than anyone else, being towed around by a beautiful lady, don't get angry over the wake in the water, but hail him over for a visit, and knowing Dave Johnson, he will show you where to catch the biggest fish in the lake. Telling you of my trip reminds me: Dave I wouldn't mind having a little bit of your Cheboygan "Bush".

Don't forget, members, that the Michigan Tumbler Club Lawn Show will be held Sept. 19 in conjunction with the Bay City Lawn Show, so see ya there.

Nun Pigeon Fanciers Society

By HELMUT BAER, Sec.-Treas., Hammond, Ind.

The Nun Pigeon Fanciers Society District Meet will be held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Pigeon Association All Variety Show on Nov. 5-6, 1971, in the American Legion Hall, Chicago Heights, Ill. We are again looking forward to a tremendous showing of top quality Nuns from many different states. We will be awarding trophies and cash specials.

Anyone interested in showing should contact Walter Schmeckreper, Show Sec. 532 W. 235th St., Steger, Ill. 60475, for any additional information.

Western Pennsylvania Pigeon Club

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Show Superintendent Jerry Gagne said that the club could not afford another expense in a judge. Harold Straniak tried to bring to the attention of the members that there will be an equal number of Fancy birds to Rollers and Homers. But there will be three Roller judges and three Homer judges to only two Fancy judges. This didn't seem to interest the Roller and Homer men a bit, in fact it didn't interest anyone but the handful of men who breed S.F. birds. It seemed we weren't getting anywhere on the subject, so the next order of business was taken up.

Under new members we received four young promising pigeon men they are: John Trimble Jr., Cedrick Allen, Arnold Naimark and Mike Frohock. After paying of bills and collecting of the dues, the time and place for our next meeting was voted on. The majority voted that we have our next meeting at Jerry Gagne's home on Friday, August 13, 1971 at 8 p.m. With no further business at hand the meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Following Special Issues at 50c each: December 1968 Fantail; April 1969 Oriental Frill; April 1970 Trumpeter; June 1970 Giant Homer; November 1970 King; Aug. 1971 Show Racer. Other Special Issues sold out.

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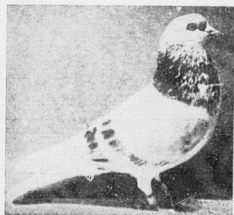
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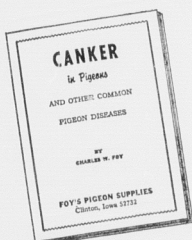
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Sept. 19 — Fond du Lac All-Variety Pigeon Club Annual Young Bird Show, Cow Palace, Fond du Lac Fairgrounds, Fond du Lac, Wis., Erwin Lerche, Sec., 505 Forest Ave., Fond du Lac, Wis.

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Sept. 26 — Iowa State Pigeon Ass'n Young Bird Show, Boone County Fairground Community Bldg., Elsie Thomas, Sec., 1424 E. 25th, Des Moines, Iowa.

Sept. 26 — Badger State Tumbler Club and Western Tumbler Club Lawn Show, Dennis Roberts Residence, 12311 W. Coldspring Rd., Greenfield, Wis., (Milwaukee Suburb)

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Oct. 30-31. — Central Ohio Roller Club All Age Roller Show with the Central Ohio Pigeon Fanciers Ass'n Young Bird Show, Hilliard Jr. High School, Bob Chamberlin, Show Sec., 288 El Paso Dr., Columbus, Ohio.

Oct. 31. — Eastern Conn. Pigeon Ass'n All Variety Old and Young Bird Show, Frank Barrachina, Show Sec., 115 Grove St., Shelton, Conn.

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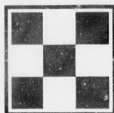
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I will include the entire packet of materials in the microfilm and precede it with an introduction in which I acknowledge you as the source of all these papers for the period 1972-1977.

I am making good progress in getting ^{ready} everything I have for microfilming, and I expect

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to have the work done in January 1994. In the first Bulletin in 1994 there will probably be a statement from me on the project.

I haven't forgot that you would like a copy of the 1980 Pigeon Review "Tippler Special"; A Xerox copy should be on its way to you shortly.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness and generosity in making available these very rare FTA Bulletin from the 1970's for the microfilm project.

Sincerely,

Robert

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Dear Mr. O'Neil:

I am pleased to hear from you, and would like to welcome you to the FTA Club.

Enclosed I am sending you our January, and February bulletin, a completed Roster and your membership Card.

In the Roster you will note that we have two other members from Canada: Mr. E. R. Ball, and Mr. Roland Deschepes.

Here is the names of two more Canadians who have Tipplers that I know but not members of FTA:

Roy V. Anderson - 9750 Townline Division, Surrey, B.C., Canada

Dr. Henry Wojcicki - 116 St. 100 Ave., Edmonton, Alta., Canada

In Ohio we have: Wayne D. Tomsie who has some Canadian Tipplers with great flying quality. We also have Harry Evans.

The member in Michigan, David Bistell is a beginner.

Mr. E. R. Ball had retired for some years, and now he is re-starting again.

If I can be of more help to you please let me know

Best Regards
Lester

P.R.#2 Staufferville, Ont.

L O H 120.

March 2, 1992

Hello there :

Rec. your letter and was glad to receive the information therein. I have already written away in regard to purchasing 2 pair of fantails so will await results.

Frank, you say you are just a beginner in the flying tyropter hobby. I have just returned to my hobby. last year after an absence of 4 years, so you will understand when I say I am a little rusty, but I think I still know the fundamentals. You were asking what became of Long Roadhoppers birds. I can only say I do not know, for while I was away from the sport, Long and several of the other members of our association have passed on; and it was only last week that I was able to contact 2 of our old members. As far as I know now there is no association in or around Toronto. I will be able to tell you more when the 2 chaps I mentioned visit me as they have promised to do. Regarding

Perc. Hagers birds I did not have much success with them, so have done away with all but the solid red with the white tail, which you can buy or you can borrow for breeding, just as you wish. I also done away with about 99% of the birds I imported from England. It is too long a story to ~~get~~^{put} into detail here. If you would like this red bird let me know as soon as possible as I have started on a new strain that this bird does not fit into.

This new strain I have watched for over 30 years and they are very consistent, flying 18 to 20 hours, but not yet broken the record. I plan to give them a good try and see what happens.

Frank, I am no expert but if you are having any trouble with your birds I may be able to help you out. If so, all you have to do is ask. Just as you know, when I was flying with the Old C. N. T. A. I was always considered one of the men to beat, flying over the 16 hour mark many times, in fact in 1939 I made a 5 race aggregate time that I believe still stands to day. So you see I used to know a little bit and hope to be able to prove this point when I get my birds flying once again. All the best.
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Secondly, if you do not have a local club, then round up two more members and start a club. Flying will bring out the best in you and your birds.

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So nice to have you with us. I'm not very smart, but I am at your service if I can help in any way.

Sincerely yours,

Perc Hagan

P. Hagan, Vice President

*Excuse copy as time is limited
I'm a native of Smiths Falls, Ontario
family still reside there.*

*Visited in summer of 73,
mostly solid Red, used Indian Fontails as dropper
Nice couple.*

RUNNING CREEK FARM

SPECIALIZING IN

BOARDING AND CONDITIONING
THOROUGHBRED HORSESBREEDER OF ENGLISH
COMPETITION
HIGH FLYER PIGEONS

May 13, 1994

Hi Frank:

No doubt you are getting prepared for your usual busy season, although if this busy weather persists I feel very few of us will be busy to any great extent. If you are still interested Frank you can pick up the hen any time after May 20th. By this time the babies should be able to take care of themselves, although I would appreciate if you would drop me a line letting me know if you intend to have her, so I can set her next egg under another pair of birds. When you write will you please include a word on the Black Minorca chicken, their size, colour of eggshell; are they a suitable table bird and any other information you may have on them with knowing.

I have been offered a bird of these chickens and am a little dubious whether to accept or not, as I am not familiar with this special breed.

Hope this finds you & yours ^{are} well and happy.

All the best. Bob

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Hamilton, Ohio
Sept 15, 1972

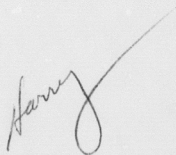
Dear Frank:

My apologies for not writing sooner and this will be just a short note. We enjoyed your visit so very much but were quite dissappointed that you and your lovely wife would not stay for the steaks. Surely hope your trip was most enjoyable and your arrival home was safe and trouble free.

Entered 8 of my reds in their first show last Sunday. A friend of mine from Chillicothe whose birds are much more developed than mine took first Cockeral and first pullet. I had ~~1~~ 2 3 4 5 cockeral and 2 3 4 5 pullet so didn't do too bad for the first time out.

Best wishes for lots of good luck with your birds and warm personal regards to you and your wife.

Harry Evans

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry", with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

RR #2 Stoneville, Ont.
L04-110

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Oct. 16, 1993

Hi Frank:

Hope the harvest is over by now and both you and your Dad are able to breathe freely again for awhile and ~~move~~ to Regions. In the Sept. 29th race the birds were in such poor feather due to mauling and I really shouldn't have flown, but just had to carry on. The birds got away good at the start and one bird seemed to lag and he was bad all morning in my opinion he did wonderful to hang on for 7 hours and 52 minutes, then he came down on top of the small run and never made no effort to trap him or dig, the other four, as they were going so good I thought they may ~~not~~ ^{fly} right through which is just what they did flying a total time of 12 hours and 6 minutes; naturally I was disappointed but at the same time gratified to think the birds put up such a wonderful performance in the condition they were in. There was just no way I could condemn the bird that came down for by nature he is a very nifty active bird and after coming down he never moved for 2 solid hours except when the wind blew so strong ~~it~~ ^{it} pretty near blew him over. So I knew he had given me all he had and as man or beast could do better; it in the next fly Oct. 14th. I pulled this bird out along with another who was in poor feather

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and flew a lot of three and although it was one awful day
cold, North west wind almost hurricane force all day long
and still these three flew right through, liberated before
the sun-rise in the morning and dropped after sunset at
night they flew a total of 11 hours and 26 minutes and on that
kind of a day this was fantastic flying; it was so cold both
the wife and I pretty near froze watching the birds
all day and dropping them at night. I tell you my boy it
is a hard game, but win, lose or draw as long as your
birds put up a good performance you are well repaid for
all the expense and efforts you have gone through, I do not
know the final out-come of the race yet, but for sure I must
be there or thereabouts; I am just waiting for the Post man
to bring me word from Harry Evans so I was so shoddy
I could not bring me self to phone.

Now Frank. I just don't know what to say for it just seems
that were you are concerned the more likely to get into the same
mistakes I make. After your recent phone call in which
you inquired about the 2 silver hens, I thought I better check
back and make sure of my statement and sure enough I was
wrong again for instead of the 2 birds being off a brother
of the to the silver hen, the mother to the 2 badgers you have
they were off a silver hen of John Collins; on the basis they
would be no good to you as I would have to keep them as they
are on the line I am working on; but I do have 5 or 6

(3) young hens and I believe 4 or 5 young cock birds and you
are to have first pick of them and what you don't want ³⁷²
I will send to the chap in Nova Scotia. I am very sorry about
this mistake but hope you will understand it is very difficult
when you do not handle the birds yourself, the wife does
her best to do what I ask her but prefers to not become involved
I am sure you will get something out of the birds I have over
for although I haven't checked thoroughly I know there are
some there the same as I am flying and I tell you in all
sincerity they are good.

Tell later then, hoping this finds you
and yours well and happy and enjoying life!

Bob - & Al Ball.



The
FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION
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America

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ARTICLE I
Name

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the "Flying Tippler Association of America." Wherever used in these documents the acronym "FTA" or the single word "Association" when capitalized shall stand for the full name of the organization.

Section 2. The subordinate units of this organization shall be known as "Local Clubs."

ARTICLE II
Purposes

Section 1. The primary purposes of this organization shall be as follows: to provide a centralized organization for the flying tippler fancier and Local Clubs; to promote and regulate the sport in national competition; to encourage by promotion of competitions, exhibitions, and by the general management and control of the fancy shall thereby further the interest of all fanciers in the flying tippler pigeon.

ARTICLE III
Membership

Section 1. Any person regardless of race, color, sex, creed or national origin, shall be eligible for active membership in this organization.

Section 2. Any misconduct on the part of a member, or charge of dishonorable dealing, shall be investigated and if found guilty, he or she will be expelled from the organization.

Section 3. (a) Any person less than eighteen years of age will be designated as a junior member with no right to vote.
(b) A junior member at any age may compete in official competitions if the member can secure a qualified Timer as defined in Article V, Sec. 1.
(c) A junior member who has reached the age of 13, may act as a Timer for another junior member or a senior member in Official Flying Competitions, if the member can fulfill the requirements for Timer, Article V, Sec. 1.

Section 4. All senior members shall have the right to vote and hold office, provided the requirements of Section 1 of Article VI are satisfied with respect to eligibility for election or appointment to national office.

Section 5. Local Club Membership — The Association will accept a Local Club Membership after receiving a petition signed by three members. Upon acceptance the Local Club shall be subject to the Constitution Rules and policies as set down by the Association.

Section 6. The organization shall award no more than one designation or appointment as Life Member in any two calendar years. This award will be made at the time of our bi-annual election. To be eligible the nominated member must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of ten (10) consecutive years.

ARTICLE IV Dues

Section 1. Senior Membership — Dues shall be set at \$5.00 per year.
Junior Membership — Dues shall be set at \$2.50 per year.

Section 2. The membership will be effective for one year from the date dues are received by the Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary Treasurer will notify each member in advance for renewal before the expiration date.

ARTICLE V Flying Systems

Section 1. Official System — A FTA member may fly under the Official System by securing a Timer or Judge. It will no longer be necessary for a flyer to have a Local Club in the area. It is only necessary that the Timer or Judge be known as a Tippler Fancier, and a member of the FTA in good standing but not related to the flyer by blood or marriage or his or her left partner.

Section 2. Honor System — Any member who cannot secure the services of a qualified "Timer", may compete under the Honor system. Times flown in the Honor system shall be kept separate from the Official system. Also any record flown under this system may not be honored as club, National or World record, with the exception of the FTA Honor system record.

ARTICLE VI Officers

Section 1. Any member of this Association is eligible for election for election or appointment to National Office if said member has been a member in good standing of this Association during the one (1) calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which said member is elected or appointed to national office.

Section 2. Duly elected officers shall assume their duties on the first day of January and the term of Officers shall be for two (2) years.

Section 3. The elected officers of this Association shall be:

- (a) A National President
- (b) A Secretary Treasurer and
- (c) two (2) Vice-Presidents; an Eastern and Western Vice-President without designation of rank.
- (d) Local Club Representative - An FTA member elected by Local Club.

Section 4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - There shall be a Board of Directors made up of five (5) elected members who shall act as a governing agency to assist in all decisions in regard to club business and functions.

- (a) National President - It shall be the duty of the National President to preside at all Association meetings and to govern the Association and exercise the usual functions of the presiding officer.
- (b) Secretary-Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the Secretary Treasurer to furnish a receipt to the national president for such funds as are turned over to him by outgoing officers, and execute an inventory for such property as he may receive from his predecessor upon entering office.
- (c) Eastern Vice-President - In the absence of the national president or in the event of his inability to act, the Eastern Vice President will act as the presiding officer at any club meeting or for club functions East of the Mississippi River.
Western Vice-President - In the absence of the national president or in the event of his inability to act, the Western Vice President will act as the presiding officer at any club meeting or for club functions West of the Mississippi River.
- (d) Secretary-Treasurer - He shall keep copy of the minutes of all Association meetings and conduct all correspondence of the Association. He shall be custodian of all funds and properties belonging to the Association, pay all bills and expenses of same when authorized to do so.
He shall order all bands and issue seamless bands on January 10 of every year, also throughout the year (unless soldout) until November of said year as ordered. He shall charge no more than six (6) cents per band with a minimum order of twenty-five seamless bands.
HE SHALL SELL BANDS TO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ONLY. He shall keep an accurate record of all bands sold and to whom the bands are sold to. He shall at the end of each year (December 31) prepare a financial statement showing income, expenditures, book balance, amount of deposit in bank, and any cash assets. He shall be prepared to present all receipts and documents relating to such financial statement. He should also take inventory of all FTA belongings. The complete financial and inventory report is to be published in the February Bulletin. He shall also submit a report to the Executive Board at the end of each quarter.
Secretary to receive salary of 20% yearly book balance plus dues and bands paid, except futurity.

EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Executive Board shall be made up of the following Officers: the President, Eastern Vice-President, Western Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Directors, Local Club Representatives. The duty of the Executive Board shall be to decide upon all Association policies until the next Bi-Annual Election.

CENTRAL TIMER - It shall be an appointed position, this appointment is done by the Executive Board. Said person may be a non-flyer but a member of the Association in good standing and of honest repute. All correspondence concerning participation in flying competitions shall be the timers duty. The timer shall keep a record of all entry fees and shall receive such fees. Send a flying report to participating flyers after completion of each fly. Send all fees received along with reports and a complete flying report to the Secretary-Treasurer, and furnish a flying report to the Publicity Director.

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR — It shall be the duties of the Publicity Director to publish as many articles of interest in the various Pigeon Publications that would help to make the Association better known to its members and also potential future members.

ARTICLE VII Flying Competition

Flying Competition — The Association shall set dates for nine (9) competitions consisting of both a Saturday and Sunday. These nine (9) flying dates shall be broken down into three (3) flying Series.

Spring Series — OLD BIRD KITS ONLY.

Summer Series — YOUNG BIRD KITS ONLY (with the exception of the Long Day

Competition which will allow either old, young, or mixed kits in competition.)

Fall Series — which will allow the flying of old, young, or mixed kits in competition.

Entry Fees — There shall be a fee for each flying competition.

Awards — There shall be a trophy awarded to the winner of each Flying Competition who fly according to the Flying Rules of the Association, provided such fly has reached six (6) hours or more.

Diplomas — Flying Diplomas will be awarded to all competitors who fly according to the Flying Rules of the Association, provided such fly has reached eight (8) hours or more.

ARTICLE VIII NPA Affiliation

The FTA shall be affiliated with the National Pigeon Association.

ARTICLE IX Meeting and Official Show

The Association shall hold one official meeting open to all members in conjunction with the NPA Grand National Pigeon Show. The National Show shall always be held in conjunction with the Grand National Pigeon Show.

FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

FLYING RULES

1. Each flyer to fly minimum of three(3) to a maximum of seven(7) Tipplers in "FTA" competition.
2. The kit last on wing to win, providing that there are no objections made against them (kit and/or flyer) and that they fly to the following rules.
3. The F.T.A. will not designate an official starting time; but will leave this up to the option of the Local Club or flyer. However, the Timer must be on hand to check the band numbers of each kit bird and to observe the release.
4. All competing birds must be banded with a reputable size 'A' seamless band showing the year, number and organization thereon i.e. FTA, NPA, APC, UPF, or Local Club.
5. In Young Bird Series, only youngsters banded with FTA bands are eligible.
6. In Young or Old Bird Series, and flyer found flying birds with stretched or tampered bands shall be disqualified.
7.
 - a. A record may be established either in a scheduled fly or in a prearranged manner. The flyer is required to have one qualified Timer. If a record is accomplished, it must pass a two thirds majority vote of the Executive Board before being accepted as a club record.
 - b. In a prearranged fly, the flyer must inform the Central Timer and Secretary of the flyers intentions a minimum of five(5) days prior to the fly date, and submit the name of the Timer and the date of fly.
 - c. If a record is broken, a detailed flying report must be turned into the Local Club, and copies mailed to the F.T.A. Central Timer and the Secretary within 24 hour period following the fly.
8. Kit to be liberated by no later than 10:00 A.M. on the morning of the fly and settled- within the Flyer's boundary, trapped and checked in by the Timer. By checking in, Timer must compare the band numbers of each kit bird with those numbers taken at time of release.
9. Kit still on the wing at 12:00 midnight will be considered still on the same fly day until dropped and trapped, or disqualified for infractions of the flying rules.
10. Time is to be taken when, bird drops from kit without inducement, droppers put out or dropping lights put on.
11. Timer must judge from a location where he can see flyer's flying loft and yard.
12. When first bird drops without inducement, droppers put out or dropping lights turned on, flyer has one(1) hour to settle and trap the entire kit or disqualified.
13.
 - a. DROPPER RULE - Any breed other than Tipper may be used as a dropper working outside of a wire confinement or exposed directly to the flying kit. Tipplers may be used in a wire confinement but not exposed directly to the flying kit at anytime during dropping and trapping period or anytime thereafter until band numbers are checked.
 - b. RETURNING BIRD - Should any bird(s) return to flyer's loft during the flying period, time shall be noted, a description given, band number taken, and matter decided by the Central Timer and Secretary.
14. Kit must be released within the flyer's boundary.
15. Flyer's boundary is 100 feet radius from center of flying loft.

16. Any bird settling within flyer's boundary at starting time, five (5) minutes from starting time shall be allowed flyer to get it on the wing again, should he fail to do so in the time limit, he shall be disqualified.
17. Birds dropping outside of flyer's boundary, time is to be taken and flyer is to be disqualified.
18. Any flyer's birds raking away from the sight of the Timer during the first 2 1/2 hour of the fly, they shall be allowed the remainder of the first 2 1/2 hour or one hour, whichever longer for birds to reappear on sight.
19. Should the Timer see just cause for disqualification, the Timer must acquaint the flyer of the reason, before leaving.
20. Any Timer refusing to sign Flying Report, flyer may submit it to the Central Timer with a complete report by both the flyer and the Timer and the fly will be taken under consideration by the Executive Board if the Central Timer feels it merits their consideration.
21. The Timer is to have access to any location he is appointed to judge.
22. Any Fler insulting or hindering the Timer in the execution of his duties shall be disqualified.
23. Anyone who is a FTA member, known as a Tippler fancier, not related to the flyer by blood or marriage, and not the flyer's loft partner, may act a Timer if familiar with the Flying Rules and not barred from flying or being a Timer by the FTA or Local Club.
24. A timer may be relieved at any time during the day, but, he must not leave until the relief Timer has arrived and been briefed and the band numbers of the kit given to that person. Both Timers must sign the Flying Report and state time that the relief Timer took over.
25. If kit is on a split during the daylight flying, flyer has thirty minutes to decide whether he will drop his kit or take a chance on them getting together. If he drops them within the hour limit, he gets credit for the time flown up till the time dropper is released. If the kit does not drop, flyer is disqualified.
26. Should flyer decide to drop the kit, should inform Timer of intentions to do so, and method of the drop. If eligible to drop kit, Time is to be taken when method of drop is acted upon.
27. No gadgets or whistles are to be attached to birds in competition.
28. No one is allowed near the flying loft while the kit is flying, except with the permission of the Timer.
29. No flyer is to alter the apperance of the loft in any way within the seven(7) day period to the competition date.
30. Any nuisance belonging to the premises must not be allowed in the area during the competition.
31. The flying report must contain the following information: Date, name and address of flyer, age and sex of kit birds, starting and finishing time, number of birds in kit, band numbers of kit birds, time flown. Summary of weather conditions and general remarks.
32. A copy of the flying report should be submitted to the Local Club, and the Timer's report to the FTA Central Timer. Submit in person or by mail within 24 hours following the fly.

33. Any circumstances arising that are not governed by the foregoing rules, the Executive Board shall have full power to act thereon, and their decisions in all matters will be final.
34. Band numbers of kit birds to be noted on flying report by the Timer before releasing the kit.
35. Upon being dropped and trapped, band numbers to be compared with forementioned list. If not identical, flyer disqualified.
36. DRIVING BIRDS - Any person frightening birds or causing them to be frightened or chased, either directly or indirectly, the Timer shall satisfy himself that the flyer did not personally frighten his kit, or induce outsiders to do so. Otherwise, Time shall be noted on flying report, and a complete report of the incident shall be submitted to the Central Timer. The Timer however, continue to time until the kit drops. Both Times to be shown on flying report. YES NO

THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING

37. There shall be no use of artificial lighting of any type when releasing the kit in the morning.
38. The use of artificial lighting when dropping the kit after dark will be permitted under the following rules:
 - a. Any competitors kit flying until dark (dark will be considered that period of time falling ten(10) minutes after Official local weather bureau designated time for sunset) may continue to fly in competition as long as they can be seen once each hour flying as a kit.
 - b. If birds are seen split (odd ones) and are unrecognizable as a kit, time is to be taken and one(1) hour will be allowed to settle and trap them. Flyer may catch any bird actually roosting within the boundary as stipulated in rule #15.
 - c. If the kit is seen to be split up after dark, time is taken and one(1) hour is the allowed to drop and trap entire kit.
 - d. If a kit of birds go out of sight in dark and are seen to be split when they return, time is taken. The flyer has one(1) hour to get entire kit into loft, from when they are first seen to be on split.
 - e. Birds are termed as still being a kit if they can all be seen in the dark at the same time, regardless of how far apart they are flying. No artificial lighting may be used for this task. Kit must be seen once each hour during dark flying.
 - f. When flyer wishes to drop kit, he must inform the Timer that he is going to turn on dropping lights and the timer will take time.
 - g. The flyer will have one(1) hour from the time lights are turned on to drop and trap kit. Flyer may catch any bird actually roosting within the boundary. If not done in time limit, flyer will be disqualified.
 - h. If the whole kit is seen together after the lights have been put on, time is to be taken when lights were first shown, even though birds have not been seen for some-time within the hour allowed.

BREEDING SEASON WITH FLYING TIPPLERS

by Nasser Shirakbari

Breeding season in the Flying Tippler Sport usually starts with a bang and we like to keep up the pace for a while until we have a few youngsters out and settled to the loft. This stems from the fact that the Young Bird Flying Competition Series starts at the beginning of the Summer. This would give the breeder a limited time from Mid-Jan. to the first part of June to pair-up, breed a few young ones, select among them, settle, train, and have a kit ready for Summer Competitions. Considering the fact that losses with Young Flying Tipplers is at a high rate, then putting together a workable kit of well performers, the Tippler flyers have a challenging, and yet well rewarding journey ahead of them. By passing the following notes to you, I hope that you find them useful as a reminder and helpful in parts that can be applicable to your system and aid you in having a successful breeding season.

It is best to have the cocks and hens separated during the year when not breeding and having the breeding boxes shut off to prevent birds from continuance of possession of the breeding boxes. This separation of sexes provides a chance for the hens to recover from being driven for eggs by cocks, getting pecked at to the extent that they can not eat and rest peacefully, resulting in a run-down condition. When separated, both hens and cocks will be in good physical condition, eager to mate, and will accept any of the boxes you choose to offer them. Although they always prefer the old nest box and same should be offered if old pairs are used.

Pre-treatment of breeders may not be necessary but it is recommended. Those, such as change of diet from straight grain, barley alone, or barley and wheat mixture. Addition of seeds such as hemp, canary, rape and millet, etc. to a good well balanced diet for a month before the breeding season should be helpful in conditioning them. Particularly if we are to mate and breed out of a pair or two of youngsters that have not had the experience of breeding. Also, another aspect of the pre-treatment may involve de-worming procedure and preventative treatment for Canker. The latter becomes more of a significance due to the fact some birds may carry the protozoan organism but not be affected themselves. During feeding, a small scratch could provide the means of entry for the organism from parent to the young. This is one of the reasons that Canker becomes more prevalent during the breeding season and particularly with the young ones from one to three weeks of age.

With us keeping our birds in loft or in air, and hopefully never allowing them on the ground, worming may not be as necessary. However, considering the fact that organisms have strange ways of getting in places, one cannot be at all surprised to find his breeders with little appetite, lack of eagerness to breed, with pale coloration of mouth. Although, these symptoms may be common for other diseases, one can not rule out the possibility of presence of round worms (Ascarids) in the birds. De-Worming may be done before and after each breeding season. I prefer to do this while the cocks and hens are still separate. Flock treatment using liquid wormer for pigeons from a reputable supplier is most conveniently done by adding the recommended amount to the drinking water. I like to worm them on empty crop by placing the fountain containing the medicine before them in the evening without feeding them, and removing the fountain the next day about noon. By then most of them have drunk at least once.

Preventative Canker treatment is a good idea before and after each breeding season, and during the season if the disease appears in the loft. Using powdered Enheptin available commercially for flock treatment for a period of few days should be quite helpful. For treatment of the disease, should it appear in the loft during the season, I like to use Metronidazole (Flagyl). It is good that the fancier be observant of young birds with a crack or opening between the upper and lower beak. If such is the case, one should check the young bird's mouth and look for a yellowish cheesy growth in the throat. Also, the navels are to be checked for redness and infection, which confirms the presence of Canker. If the condition is caught early, I have found the usual Canker treatment to be effective. If the condition is too far gone, I do not advocate persistent treatment in trying to save the youngster. I recall once I was confronted with a youngster who came up with few illnesses one after another and I was not about to give up on the bird. The bird was finally saved after a long struggle and special care. All I had on my hands was a shabby looking bird with almost all skin, bone, and dried up feathers. The bird could not fly from the end of the yard to the loft top. In the Flying Tippler Sport we need strong, healthy and vibrant youngsters. Saving unhealthy, sickly birds is far too far away from our needs, for pure use of competition flying.

It is good to breed from older and experienced pairs of breeders. Yet we are to depend on the cream of the crop, that is our best flyers, to produce better flyers each year. As the result, bringing new and unexperienced birds into the breeding coop is the inevitable we have to reckon with. Introduction of a new pair in the breeding coop can result in a lot of headache, if not handled properly. Birds fighting, nesting in corners of the loft, stronger running the weaker out of their nest, etc. - Same is true if an odd cock or hen is left in the breeding coop. They should not be left there.

The previously mated pairs could be put together in their old nest boxes without any problem. The new ones are to be acquainted first by putting them in a mating coop partitioned with wires in the middle. After a couple days, if you find them cooing at one another, or when the cock cooes, the hen ruffle her tail for him or any other signs of courtship are seen, then the birds should be put together. They will mate in a short time. Some time we may have a valuable hen to breed, but she is resistant in accepting any cock. In this case, the best we can do is to try the technique of isolation and good food and hope that she goes for it. Put her in solitary confinement where she can't see anything or anyone. Offer her the good seeds mentioned previously and keep her there for a week. Then try her with the desired cock in the mating coop. I have lost at times and won on other occasions.

After all breeding boxes are filled and all pairs are mated, I prefer to let them out one pair at a time and see to it each pair has learned the location of their nest, going in and out without wondering around.

Each nest box should be large enough to accommodate two nest bowls, since the hen will lay another pair of eggs in two weeks or so after having the eggs hatched and still rearing their young. The nesting bowls should be of a material that does not harbour a variety of vermins and can easily be cleaned. Wooden nest bowls are least desirable. Nest bowls made out of earthenware are good, and I find the Paper-pulp disposable type adequate for our purposes. For nesting material a variety of material could be used, such as Pine Needle etc. and I like straw broken in smaller pieces. I usually put a small amount at

the bottom of the bowl and throw some on the floor letting the pair build their own nest. Most birds prefer build their own, and certainly they can do a better job than we can. However, we need to watch them from overdoing it. Some keep building until overlapping the bowl. This may endanger the eggs or the young rolling out if they have a careless parent.

It is of upmost importance that we have all pairs lay within a few days of each other or about the same time. This makes it possible to have a round of youngsters about the same age from which to select and train a hit. How frustrating it is to have to wait for the second and third round before one can have something going. The first round youngsters are our best bet in becoming the front line for the Young Bird Series. They should be sufficient in number to compensate for the losses, leaving us enough settled birds to select from for a hit and a few reserves. Mass production is contraindicated for successful operation of a Flying Tippler loft. Always a reasonable number of birds, where one can account for their performance of every bird in the air, and therefore enable us to select the best.

If pairing is done the same day and all has gone well, we should find a single egg in the nests at about the 10th day. Then again this depends on such factors as weather, using young birds or old birds, and the type of feed used. As a general rule, in colder weather conditions, the hen is much slower in laying. Also, younger pairs will be dragging behind the old pros during their first year. Now, they skip one day and lay the second one the next day. I am not much for the idea of picking up the first egg, and replacing it with a dummy egg. The reason some do this is to assure that both eggs are hatched at the same time. I have found most birds do not sit on the first egg and start sitting after the second one is laid.

Checking the eggs for fertility can pay off by saving a lot of time for you and a lot of wasted work and energy from your breeders. After the second egg is laid, allow them to sit for about 3 to 4 days. Then check each egg by holding it between the thumb and forefinger, forming a funnel around it, looking through the egg in sun or a strong light behind it. If the egg is fertile, one can see a spot and blood vessels radiating throughout the egg at this early stages of the embryonic development. If the egg does not show anything, then it should be thrown away, allowing the hen to lay again.

The incubation period is 17 days. If you count from the day when the first egg is laid, and therefore adding 2 days to 17, we have 19 days ahead for hatching. I usually look for the young ones on the 20th day. If they are not there, I suspect 3 things:

1. Infertile egg - I have missed during checking or did not check at all.
2. Spoiled eggs - Mainly due to improper care of parents or extreme weather condition. One should not forget this and enter it in the records. It is possible they repeat this again and again. This could partly be for extreme nervousness of one or both birds, leaving the nest every time one steps inside to attend to them. If the youngsters of this pair are a must to you, then your best bet is to transfer their eggs under a reliable pair for a couple rounds. Continuance of this is not recommended throughout the season as the driving cock can ruin the hen. Only a couple rounds or so, then separate them.
3. Sometimes the young one is incapable of breaking a hard shell egg to come out. If one has not delivered a baby before, it does not hurt to try it now. Using a knife and a pair of tweezers, one can go to work for a few minutes of a delicate operation, saving a perfect-

-ly healthy future Champ. Gently remove a strip of shell along the broad side of the egg, taking extreme precaution that the outer protective tissue is adhered to the youngster closely, and this too must be removed. When this is done, I try not to handle the young. Placing it and the split shell back in the nest. Once the young can get his head out, the shell is thrown out by mama and the delivery is completed.

In the early days after hatching, the young ones are fed "Pigeon's Milk" by the parents which is a soft suspension of food material. The longer the youngsters receive this "Milk", the stronger, and healthier they become. As they get older, more solid food is given by parents. At times, you may find one youngster growing at a higher rate than the other. This could go far out of proportion that one would completely dominate during feeding, resulting in the other becoming a malnourished weakling if it managed to survive. Again we have no use for such a youngster and should avoid this situation if possible. Adoption method, if utilized in the early days, is a good alternative method. Here are a few pointers on adoption. The adopting family must have been in due process within the same schedule. That is, there is no more than 2 to 3 days difference between the two pairs from when they had laid eggs. If the adopting parents have lost one or both eggs or young, then they will gladly accept the young offered to them. If the adopting parents already has one youngster of their own, then make sure the adopted youngster is going to a nest younger than itself and not vice versa.

Young are to be banded at the age of 6 to 8 days, depending on their size. The proper method of banding is to hold the young in the left hand, and the band on the right hand, gently passing the three front feet through the ring and pulling the ring on over the back feet and the leg, clearing the back feet by pulling it through, placing the band around the leg over the feet.

In a few weeks the young have to be weaned, and the sooner they can eat and care for themselves the sooner we can put them up on the loft top. To speed things up, one way is to take them and put them on the floor at the age of 3 weeks. They will learn from the other birds to peck at the feed and shortly learn to eat and at the same time they will chase after their parents and get fed. They will come along quickly by this method. However, if you are reluctant in letting the young on the floor for possible danger of getting beat-up, then individual feed and water in the nest box for a few days to a week could do just about as much good. It takes longer for the youngsters to leave the nest, if left to themselves.

Spending an hour every day, giving them fresh feed, water and grit, a glance at every pair checking their progress, recording the necessary data, can go a long way towards a successful breeding season.

In conclusion we want strong healthy, and smart youngsters that can meet our demand for endurance flying.

Wishing you a happy and successful breeding season.

THIRTY-SIX STAGES FOR THE FLYING TIPPLER NOVICE

By
E. W. MATTHEWS

TRAINING

1. When the youngsters are five weeks old, they should be removed from thier parents and placed in a loft by themselves.
2. For the first two days or so, food and water will be left for them at will. This ensures that they can feed for themselves.
3. Then they should be fed by hand and the wayer trough withdrawn and only offered after feeding.
4. It would now be an advantage to introduce the dropper. This should be a White Cross-bred Fantail, either a hen or a youngster. This bird should remain in the loft with the young Tipplers at this stage.
5. The object is to impress the young Tippler that the Fantail is part of home. When the youngsters are about six weeks old, they should be fed once a day only (I will deal with the food later) and encouraged to chase about after their food. The dropper will soon take the lead for they are usually greedy. Now we can remove the dropper from the youngsters' loft, and only introduce it during times of feeding.
6. So up to now the mind of the Tippler is that the Fantail is always associated with food. The Fantail is a White bird used as a decoy. Almost any White bird would do.
7. That completes stage one.
8. The youngsters should now have the opportunity of seeing the outside surroundings of the loft and to do this the loft should have an open wire netting enclosure, either at the side or, preferably, on the loft top. They should spend some time, say afternoon, outside so that when evening falls they can be called in, introducing the dropper, and fed and watered.
9. Now you will be wondering when should the birds have their liberty. Well, always remember, a good Tippler youngster is stronger on the wing than in the head. Bearing this in mind, I find that the best time to let them out is when the eye colour has changed. This is an indication of better reasoning powers of the bird. They might now be eight weeks old. So, with the dropper out on the loft top, chasing about after grains of food, open this wire enclosure door and allow the young Tipplers to follow the Fantail chasing after the grain. By throwing grain first outside and then inside the pen, the young bird will soon learn its way in and out of the loft. After a short lesson, call them in and feed and feed and water, carrying on this procedure each evening until the young birds start to take to flight. It is a good plan to have more droppers available now and they should be kept on the move whilst the young Tipplers are airborne.
10. Assuming that the Tipplers have been up and down for a few evenings. The next stage is to liberate the kit, without the dropper. When the birds have been flying for 10 or 15 minutes, liberate the dropper. The young Tipplers will now see the dropper, and associating dropper with food and home they will come down. They should be then called in and fed.
11. This procedure is carried out henceforth, each time allowing the kit to fly longer before putting out the dropper. (By longer I do not mean many hours-only two or three).
12. Up to now we have been drilling the young Tippler to do what is required of him-fly until he is summoned to alight. This, of course,

12. is simply mental drill, and the next stage is to equip for physical endurance. This I find the most fascinating part, for it depends on my judgment whether it succeeds or not.
13. Now to refer to analogy. Suppose I had a motor car whose petrol capacity would allow me to drive non-stop for 300 miles. At the commencement of the journey, the car would be at its greatest weight because of the full tank. Another point, the car would have to be in good condition, so as to be trouble-free throughout the journey. I would have our Tippler with his tanks full and he must be thoroughly fit on the selected day when he is put to test for long-time flying. We can follow the analogy. When first he is liberated his weight may be 10 oz and at the end of the day he will have used up his fuel and would weigh six to seven ounces. Now suppose I wished to use the same motor car to make a journey of only 10 miles, surely I would not want the tank filling up for this short journey.
14. So I would make it with only a small amount of fuel and, of course, I would be carrying less weight. So if we want our Tippler to fly only for three to four hours we make sure his tank is not full. Now do not take this analogy too much for granted. I do not wish to convey that all we have to do is to fill up and fatten a Tippler and he will fly all day; far from it, for he has to be trained physically in stages like any other athlete. Now imagine that the Tippler is liberated, say at 4 a.m. and has flown 14 hours. He will have consumed most of his fuel and will be much lighter in weight. This is conspicuous when seen flying, for he will alter his style as the day progresses, for later in the evening he will be seen to be gliding instead of batting his wings like he did when fresh and full tank in morning.
15. From this we can arrange to train the bird by liberating him in the late afternoon, with only enough in his "tank" to simulate the condition he would have been in if liberated in the morning with a full "tank"
16. So to get back to our kit of youngsters that have been drilled mentally and are free from vice insofar as making mistakes such as dropping away or alighting before the dropper signal.
17. Suppose we have decided on a target day, say three weeks' time. It is our aim to possess for this date at least a kit of three—all to be in the best of condition—for, after all, mistakes are such that at least one of the kit is going to fail first and seeing that we must have a complete kit for competition flying, we cannot allow one to fall out and then see what the others do. So, to commence, it is wise to start with a kit of five, so that on the day the best three can be selected. Having selected five youngsters and to do this at this stage try to get five as near similar as possible. They can be decided on by their blood relationship and their outward appearance. Also try to decide that they bat or fly alike. For as you know, any three men taken at random and made to walk a long distance, should one of them be out of gait or step with the other two, he will surely be the first to tire. The Tipplers should be placed in a loft to themselves in which there are individual coops. These should be arranged so that the birds cannot see each other (it is not so important with young birds as it is with adults, especially hens). The birds should be fed individually by placing a feeding trough in each coop. (the size of the coop, 14 in x 14 in, is ample) and only fed late in the evening. Drink should be withheld for two hours after feeding and then the drink should be given and should contain a purgative. I use Epsom Salt, about one cubic inch capacity to a pint of water.

17. The object of this is to enable me to start them off level, for at first I will treat them all the same. The only way to ensure a balance is to start at the bottom. The next morning the birds will look a little for themselves. But don't feed them until the evening; just clear out the coops. We use barley, complete with its skin or husk, to feed birds in training. It has the desired effect for it does not provide the birds with much energy and can be analogous to the fact that we don't fill the birds tank.
18. They keep quite well and satisfied because they can have a reasonable crop-full. This the bird thinks is good to have a full feed and it has a pleasing effect on his bowels. Thus we are assured that his digestive apparatus is not being affected adversely.
19. If you can not obtain barley, then use something similar, something with plenty of roughage, for you will appreciate roughage does not harm to digestion, providing energy is not expected.
20. On the second evening allow the kit out. If they show no desire to fly, do not chase them up for they may be too low in condition and too keen for food. On the other hand, they may take to the air and appear quite brisk. Here is a point of observation, for in the first place, it was desired that the kit should fly rather unwillingly for about one hour and then to put out the droppers and feed. So if they were too frisky, then they are not low enough in condition and if they show no desire to fly then they are, perhaps, too low. Here is your guide for the amount of the next meal. For measurement of feed I shall use the word "crop-full." To enable you to gauge what amount a crop-full is, take a pocket handkerchief and place an amount of grain in it and then screw it up so that the grain content is bulbous in shape. Compare this amount with a bird that has just been fed and allowed to have its full, by feeling and you should arrive at a bulk measure by either adding or removing grain from the handkerchief until it compares favourably with the feel of the bird's full crop. Now place the amount of grain into a suitable measure and this will be your guide for quantity.
21. Now you will appreciate that we can nearly always give a quantity feed, and the quality will decide the amount of the fuel or energy providing feed, so here we have a means of control for the amount of time a Tippler can fly. With the bird trained mentally and the quality of food controlling its staying powers, all that is left is that observation of the owner's to be capable of judging when his birds have had enough and when to drop them, for if we fail in this respect, then the bird is more than likely to become a "scrounger". Sure enough, if left, he will come and alight on his own, and this is because he was allowed to empty his tank. As soon as he has done this, he has broken the habit he has been trained to—that of waiting for the dropper and food.
22. You will have to experiment with the quality of food you can obtain by the result of flying, assuming that you now have the kit fed so that they should fly $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours. They have all been fed the same quantity and quality and we find after $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours one bird desires to alight. Then put out the droppers and get them down. Now suppose we were three in the kit and after putting out the dropper, one bird alights immediately, the second follows, and the third takes 10 to 15 minutes to get down. Here we have found we have an unbalanced kit. What shall we do? We can either lift the $2\frac{1}{2}$ hour bird to three hours or we can starve or lessen the food of the third bird that did not readily alight when the droppers were put out.
23. Handle each bird and endeavour to compare each with each and note

23. especially the first bird and the third bird, for we know they are opposites and the second bird was probably in right condition.
24. Having decided to reduce the quantity of the feed for the third and increase the first, we should then, next evening, have three balanced birds and to get back to my analogy, all three will have the same quality of fuel in their tanks, and it should run out at three hours running.
25. Having three the same and, assuming you have mastered and understood each bird's necessities by now, we can increase the quality of the feed all round by adding $\frac{1}{4}$ wheat to the $\frac{3}{4}$ barley to make the crop full. The birds should now be flown alternate evenings and they should fly 4 to 5 hours. Then put out the droppers. This is carried on for 10 days, *also*
26. We have now got the kit nicely teamed up and they are being trained to fly in a condition that they would normally be in if they had been topped up and had flown all day and would be like this in the evening. During this period of training the birds should be introduced to the various seeds and grain that they will receive during latter part of training. Only give a very small sample and give on the day they have been out. The seeds will be canary, millet and rape (the kinds we give our cage birds); the grain will be maize (small) and maple peas. They can also be given small breadcrumbs. All this is part of the young bird's education.
27. We have now arrived at five day's off the target day. When the birds have been got in after their three to four hours' fly, they should be fed $\frac{1}{4}$ crop mixed seeds, $\frac{1}{4}$ crop barley, $\frac{1}{4}$ crop maple peas, $\frac{1}{4}$ wheat. Because we have made a somewhat sudden change in their diet, we must be sure that the bird will digest it in good time. By this I mean it usually takes 13 to 14 hours for a healthy bird's crop to empty. Should there be delay in this there is always a tendency to crop sourness and, of course, we cannot tolerate any sickness at this stage. So to make sure, give the birds a smaller amount of Epsom Salts in their drink water.
28. Next day rest them, but feed the same and if they have digested the food then no salts are necessary.
29. Next day let them out with 8 hours daylight before them, but do not allow them to fly more than $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 hours. Reason: Should they be too forward as a result of the better quality, then you will not have an accident and fail to get them at dark, for you have catered for that by allowing 8 hours of daylight. They are dropped after $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 hours because at this stage we have no desire to empty their "tanks."
30. When they are down and in their coops, feed on $\frac{1}{2}$ maple, $\frac{1}{2}$ seeds and water to drink.
31. Next day, $\frac{3}{4}$ maple, $\frac{1}{4}$ wheat, and keep shut up in their coops (water to drink with a little iron tonic helps).
32. Next day, $\frac{1}{4}$ maple, $\frac{1}{2}$ maize, $\frac{1}{4}$ seeds. Give the maize first, then maples and allow them to eat as much seed as they like. This feed should be about 12 hours before they are to be liberated. Delay the drink at this last feed for about an hour. This ensures a good thirst and the birds will drink plenty. Now close them up in their coops so as to darken the place. This encourages sleep.
33. Next morning early, with at least 16 hours daylight to spare, offer them a drink and then liberate them. Most birds will not take a drink, but don't worry on that account. They should, if all has been well and they were bred right, fly 12 to 16 hours on this treatment.
34. I hope I have conveyed some idea of the training. It is by no means the only way of feeding, for I find I never feed exactly the same each time, but the principle is the same.
35. You will, no doubt, have to experiment.
36. By the way, always have grit before the birds during training.

FLY YOUR TIPLERS.

YOU OWE IT TO THEM—
AND TO YOURSELF.

FTA BULLETIN

JANUARY 1972

This bulletin was delayed for a week intentionally, so I might find out something regarding bands.

BANDS - We have not heard from or received from David Jordan the FTA's 1972 bands. The bands were ordered by him from an unknown source and paid for from our Club's treasury in the amount of \$150.00 (Appx.). Recently, we have made every effort to secure your bands from him. I am sorry to say that he has refused to respond to two letters sent to him by Mr. Funk, and one letter from Mr. Jack Eli, requesting him to let the membership have their FTA 1972 bands. Due to the present circumstances, I have no indications that he may let us have our bands. Therefore, I have no choice but to authorize the use of N.A. or other bands by our members for the year 1972. A refund check is enclosed with this bulletin for those of you who had paid me for your bands. All members may purchase their bands from any source they desire. I will register your bands in our Band Registry Book if you send me the name of the club the bands came from, the numbers from - to, and the date received.

FUTURITY BANDS - 100 NPA bands will be ordered and paid for by the Club for use in the Futurity Competition. These bands are sold at \$1.00 each and only to those who can fly our Official System. The flyer who can fly a kit wearing these bands and win the competition, will be eligible to receive \$25.00 in cash if we have sold 50 or more bands. If we have sold less than 50 bands, the winner may receive 25% of the amount sold.

FINANCIAL REPORT - The month of December was a month of pay off for us. Our major expenses were the purchase of Flying Trophies, Grand National Trophies, refund to those who tried for the APJ Group Subscription, and refund to those who had paid for their bands.

Our total balance dropped from \$160.76 on 11/29/71 to \$87.98 on 12/31 of 1971 as follows:

BALANCE 11/29/71.....	\$160.76	
INCOME:		
1972 Dues & Band Orders.....	\$67.50	228.26
EXPENSE:		
Group Subscription refund.....	\$8.00	
Stamps & Petty Cash.....	10.00	
4 Flying Trophies & shipping.....	25.11	
Bank Service Charge.....	0.30	
Duplicating Ink.....	2.87	
Grand National & N.Y. Trophies.....	60.00	
Band Refund.....	34.00	140.28
		\$87.98

This would mean that we have no outstanding bills, all trophies are bought and we are starting the year 1972 on the level. Yet, we should not forget the bad debt incurred by Dave Jordan in the amount of \$63.00 to Bob Kennedy and left for our Club to pay. I plan to pay this debt whenever I feel that our Treasury can afford it.

GRAND NATIONAL AWARDS INCREASED IN NUMBER - Four additional trophies are donated for our Tippler Grand National show. The donors are our good friends Robert Lucas and Bob Kennedy. I decided to use their four trophies for the 2nd places and my Cups for the 3rd. Also, I will change my 3rd place ribbons to 4th. This would give us a total of 17 awards for this year's Grand National. I would like to thank Bob Kennedy and Bob Lucas for their donation of the four 2nd place trophies. Bob Kennedy took the task of trophy shopping for us. He said he has bought the trophies; the four first places paid for by our Club are beautiful and 18 inches in height each. Bob donated the Championship trophy himself and here is how he described it to me: "The Championship trophy is really something. It's over two feet high. On the base, it has three columns, and on top of that is a silver cup and a flying bird on top of that. whoever wins it will have a beautiful trophy". It certainly sounds beautiful to me, and we certainly appreciate Bob donating such a fine trophy.

NEW MEMBERS - The following gentlemen have recently joined our club:
 Clifford, Heath - 16 Race Place, Oakdale, L.I., N.Y. 11769
 Merl E. Emerson - Star Rt. Van Buren, Ark.
 Charles Harris Sr. - 3402 Parkwood Ave., Richmond Virginia 23221
 Joseph Prochilo - 114 Ronald Road, Lakewood, N.J. 08701
 Clyde N. Roberts - APDO. 31-132, Guadalajara 5, Jalisco, Mexico
 Mr. Emerson is primarily a Roller-man but very interested and well informed on Flying Tiplers. Often he and I get together and have a fine Tippler-Roller brain storm session.

Brother Roberts is a Baptist missionary in Mexico. He had to give up his Tiplers to go in this mission. But he misses them very much. The last time he traveled to the Texas-Mexico border he picked up some Tiplers shipped to him to the border. But, unfortunately, he lost them, leaving him only with one hen. Brother Roberts is in this mission on a limited budget. Therefore, I am trying to get him a pair or so of donated birds. Please let's hear from someone.
 We Welcome these gentlemen to the FTA Club.

GEORGIA CLUB - In the last bulletin, we brought to your attention the problem that the Georgia Club members had encountered in the way of poor quality birds and the possibility of break-down of this Club if we did not go to their help. I am pleased to let you know that we had two offers: One from Mr. Harry Evans and one from Mr. Tony Sinko in helping these gentlemen. Mr. Sinko's offer came after we had made the arrangement between Harry Evans and Ronald Martin. On Dec. 12th, thirteen (13) birds were shipped by Harry to Ronald Martin, and a fresh start for this club. We are glad that we could be of some help to them. Thanks to Harry for his generous donation of birds.

PIGEON LAW SUIT - I am sure all of you are aware of the unfair pigeon ordinances passed in various Cities in the U.S. in recent years. I know of two cases that have affected our members. Mr. Frank Hampson of Lombard, Ill. writes: "I have a law suit coming up on the 6th of January, 1972. One of my neighbors, the one that sold me my home 22 years ago and built my pigeon coop is trying to make me get rid of my pigeons. I have got rid of all my banties, but my pigeons I am going to Court and fight for them." - We hope that Mr. Hampson wins the case. Our thoughts are with him on the 6th of January.

PRINTED MATERIAL - Mr. Ed Hernandez of the Crescent Flying Tippler Club, has volunteered to print for us the membership cards, Timer's Report Cards, Stationaries, Envelopes, etc., all at no cost to our Club. He already has sent me the membership cards, which is mailed to the paid members along with this bulletin. I asked Mr. Hernandez to print for us also the Flying Certificates and let us pay him for this item and the shipping cost of these materials. The FTA envelopes and stationaries will be available for sale to all members. We would like to thank Ed for his help and contribution in this respect.

AWARDS AND FLYING SYSTEM REVISIONS - The following two measures were considered and voted upon by the FTA Officers and Board of Directors. A deadline of December 15th was set forth and most everyone got their ballots in on time. The "AWARD" measure was passed by votes of 4-For and 2-Abstained. The Official System was passed by votes of 6-For, 1-Against, and 2-Abstained.

These measures were considered at this time since we have another complete flying year ahead of us before our Official Elections. The matter of awards as it was, had brought many questions in the minds of many and had to be clarified and understood by everyone.

The Official Flying System was reconsidered for the purpose of making it possible for more flyers to compete under this System. Thus, creating more interest and competition as a whole. The Rules read as follows:

AWARDS - "THERE SHALL BE A FLYING CERTIFICATE AWARDED TO THE WINNER OF EACH FLYING COMPETITION REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. THERE SHALL BE A TROPHY AWARDED TO THE AGGREGATE WINNER OF EACH SERIES. THE QUALITY OF THE TROPHY SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE ENTRY FEES RECEIVED FROM THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS."

THE OFFICIAL SYSTEM - "A FTA MEMBER MAY FLY UNDER THE OFFICIAL SYSTEM BY SECURING A TIMER OR FLYER TO HAVE A LOCAL JUDGE IN HIS AREA. IT WILL NO LONGER BE MANDATORY FOR A TIMER OF JUDGE BE A MEMBER OF THE FTA IN GOOD STANDING, BUT NOT A MEMBER OF THE FLYER'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR HIS LOFT PARTNER. (Immediate family shall be defined as brother, and sister) and, wife, son, daughter, mother, father, brother, and sister)

CENTRAL TIMER - Mr. John Harris has requested that we secure another Central Timer for the coming flying year. Mr. Harris has served our club well and deserves our many thanks. Mr. Harry S. Evans has been appointed by Mr. Funk and myself to this job. We would also like to thank Mr. Evans for his acceptance of this responsibility. His address: Harry S. Evans, 3033 Tolbert Rd., Hamilton, Ohio, 45011

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1971 FLYING RESULTS

SPRING SERIES - OLD BIRDS ONLY
APRIL 24 - 25

JOSEPH ROUNBEHLER	9:39	TROPHY
EARL GROLLMAN	7:24	
JOHN SMITH	DISQUALIFIED	
HENRY CZOP	DISQUALIFIED	

MAY 08 - 09

JOSEPH ROUNBEHLER	10:33	TROPHY
EARL GROLLMAN	2:38	
JOHN SMITH	DISQUALIFIED	
HENRY CZOP	DISQUALIFIED	

MAY 22 - 23

JOSEPH ROUNBEHLER	9:18	TROPHY
JOHN SMITH	0:40	
HENRY CZOP	0:20	
EDWARD SMITH	0:13	

SUMMER SERIES - YOUNG BIRDS ONLY
JUNE 05 - 06

JOSEPH ROUNBEHLER	2:46	
HENRY CZOP	DISQUALIFIED	

JUNE 19 - 20

JOSEPH ROUNBEHLER	2:40	
TONY SINKO	DISQUALIFIED	

JULY 10 - 11

EARL GROLLMAN	6:19	TROPHY
JOHN SMITH	3:57	
JOSEPH ROUNBEHLER	2:40	

FALL SERIES - ANY AGE BIRDS
SEPTEMBER 11 - 12

EARL GROLLMAN	10:11	TROPHY
HENRY BAMPFIELD	0:35	
JOSEPH ROUNBEHLER	DISQUALIFIED	
EDWIN YOUNG	DISQUALIFIED	
JOHN SMITH	DISQUALIFIED	
TONY SMITH SINKO	DISQUALIFIED	
SVEND HANSEN	DISQUALIFIED	

SEPTEMBER 25 - 26

TONY SINKO	8:10	TROPHY
EARL GROLLMAN	DISQUALIFIED	
JOSEPH ROUNBEHLER	DISQUALIFIED	
HENRY BAMPFIELD	2:00	
EDWIN YOUNG	DISQUALIFIED	

FALL SERIES - ANY AGE BIRDS
OCTOBER 09 - 10

SVEND HANSEN	2:03	TROPHY
TONY SINKO	DISQUALIFIED	
JOSEPH ROUNBEHLER	"	
EARL GROLLMAN	"	
EDWIN YOUNG	"	
JOHN SMITH	"	

ONE BIRD DERBY (SPECIAL)
SEPTEMBER 04 - 05

JOHN SMITH	1:57	TROPHY
JOSEPH ROUNBEHLER	1:00	
TONY SINKO	0:28	
HENRY CZOP	0:17	

GANG FLY (SPECIAL)
OCTOBER 16 - 17

TONY SINKO	XXX 9:53	TROPHY
JOSEPH ROUNBEHLER	DISQUALIFIED	
SVEND HANSEN	DISQUALIFIED	
FRANK SNYDER	DISQUALIFIED	

AGGREGATE TIMES

JOSEPH ROUNBEHLER	34 HOURS: 56 MINUTES
EARL GROLLMAN	26 HOURS: 32 MINUTES
JOHN SMITH	4 00 HOURS: 37 MINUTES
HENRY BAMPFIELD	02 HOURS: 35 MINUTES
HENRY CZOP	20 MINUTES
EDWARD SMITH	13 MINUTES

LONGEST TIME FLOWN AND FIRST YEAR RECORD

JOSEPH ROUNBEHLER	10 HOURS : 33 MINUTES
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*Tony Sinko
8:10* →

THE FLYING TIPPLER VS THE CALCUTTA HIGHFLYER

by
Ervin C. Grube

INTRODUCTION - The following is an article of documentary nature in which it reveals the existence and development of a Tippler-like bird in the far East. NS

About 24 years ago I put in an article on our bird in the APJ. I had contact with fanciers throughout the World. After my article appeared in the Journal, I received two letters from Calcutta, India. One from a young man stationed in Calcutta with the Pigeon Signal Corp. from the U.S.A.; The second was from an Indian monk.

In my article I had compared the Flying Tippler with the Calcutta High Flyers. The young man and the monk sent me pictures of the Calcutta. In German literature on pigeons there is a mention of the bird at the time of import into Germany. There, they called it the Calcutta Tumbler.

The young man had purchased a portable loft from the Signal Corp. and described how he bought birds in the market place for the equivalent to American money 8 ¢ per bird. Later an Indian fancier made him kill the birds and gave him a stock to start out with. The pictures showed birds identical in looks and marking like that of our Tippler.

Both letters described how the Indian fanciers flew their birds. on Sunday they told me the fanciers moved their birds to a park in portable lofts and at a signal all released their birds and all day they spent watching the birds fly. The kit of birds that remained in the air longest won. There was betting all way around.

In the picture from the U.S. boy, there were three birds marked. They were Bald Heads and he told me those were the ones to destroy because they would make a single turn in the air.

The monk described their Calcuttas and how they were trained and flown. He said in his letter if I should ever raise a Tippler with Bull or red eyes I should destroy it. Later, I received a letter from a collector of old pigeon books in St. Louis, MO.- He gave me further information on the Indian Highflyers from books he had.

This has made me wonder, is there a connection between the two breeds. One of the most common flyers in India is pronounced Greybaz in English.

POST COMMENTS - Mr. Grube sent me a copy of the letter by the U.S.-man dated 6/24/52. In looking over his letter, I found two points of significance. In one place he states "All of his birds were pearl eyed and mottled; Blue, Red, and Blacks and Grizzles." In another place he says: "I had Tipps years back and enjoyed them very much. They were popular then but do not know of anyone in Portland keeping them or flying them. My last kit and stock birds were stolen in 1932. Most of the old birds were from Vancouver, B.C.-...I still have Tipplers to this day"

Unquestionably, he was a Tippler-man, with his old birds coming from Canada, and he knew what he was talking about. His name is Harold A. Dann. I don't know if he is still around or not. In any case, Mr. Dann, we discovered you, and we take this opportunity to pay you a tribute for love for Tipplers.

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FTA ROSTER

FEBRUARY 1972

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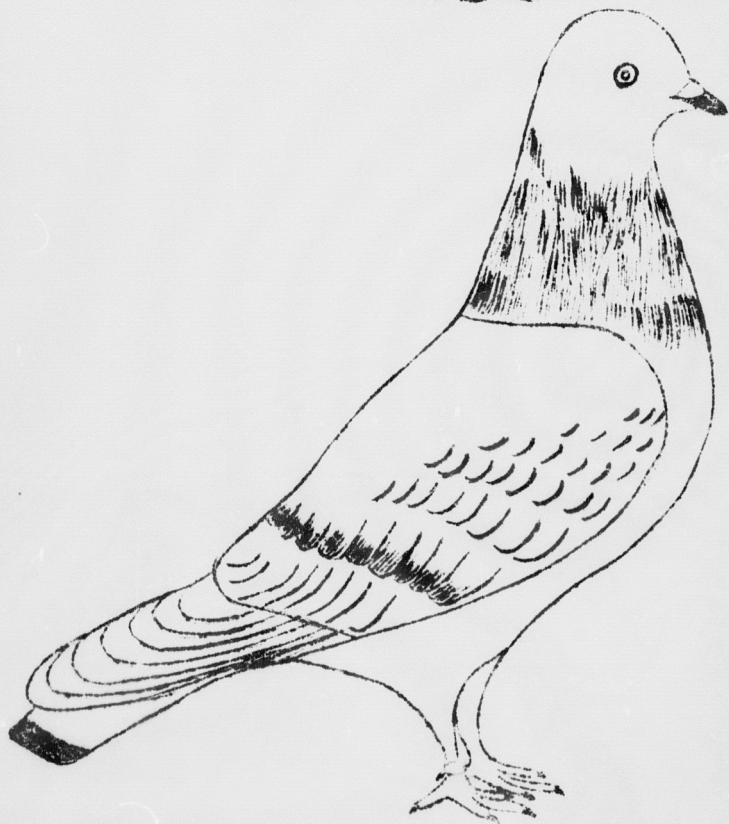
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FTA BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 1972

1972 FTA GRAND NATIONAL SHOW - This year the Flying Tippler Grand National Show was held from January 19 through January 23rd with 95 entries. The judging of the Flying Tipplers took place at about 3 p.m. on Friday 21st, with Mr. Michael J. Conticchio, the judge, in action for a period of approximately three hours selecting 1st to 4th places in each Classes of OC, OH, YC, YH, and a champion among the 1st place winners. The winners in each Class are as Follows:

OC

1. Nasser Shirakbari
2. Nasser Shirakbari
3. Joe Suler
4. Joe Prochilo

OH

1. Henry Czop
2. Joe Suler
3. Clarence Williams
4. Bob Kennedy

YC

1. Clarence Williams
2. Nasser Shirakbari
3. Clarence Williams
4. Don Zink

YH

1. Nasser Shirakbari
2. Joe Suler
3. Nasser Shirakbari
4. Ed Young

Grand Champion - Nasser Shirakbari; with a Dark Grizzle Old Cock.

After the judging we had a get-together and cocktail by the Delaware Valley Flying Tippler Club and a Short period of rest and dinner, then back together again for our annual meeting. At the meeting the tables were set beautifully. The head table was covered with numerous trophies. Sitting from left to right were Mr. Michael J. Conticchio, Judge; Joe Rounbehler, DVFTC President; Nasser Shirakbari, FTA Secretary; Betty Kay Shirakbari; Edwin Young, DVFTC Secretary; Robert Kennedy, the ATU Club representative. Other members and guests present were: (from left to right) Sam Bonura; Otto Muller; Joseph Prochilo; Stanley Ogozalek; Tony Sinko; Ed Borchers; Mrs. Tony Sinko; Anthony Bernat; Bob Lucas; Michael Seiler; Andrew Kopp; and Don Zink. Others present but not in photo were John Smith; Joe Suler and son.

The meeting started about 9:00 p.m. with a short introduction by Mr. Ed Young. Then trophies were handed out to the winners by Bob Kennedy with Stanley Ogozalek behind the Camera as photographer.

I presented the Flying Schedule for 1972 which received everyone's approval. The Schedule will be available with a copy of Fly Rules in the next Bulletin. Afterwards, I addressed the meeting by going over the past events of the last year and a summary of how the Tippler Special came about, and answered related questions. Next, we discussed our present Official System. The majority agreed that the System is fine and more in consistence of our objective of promoting flying and competition. It was requested that we add a short phrase of "Known Tippler Fancier" to the other conditions to prevent abusement by those who might use unknown non-Tipplermen as a judge. On the matter of awards. The majority agreed that the present award system for this year is OK due to our low finances. However, we discussed this further for a future System. It is quite evident that the flyers would like to receive a trophy for every fly. However, not like it was done in the past years; that is having the minimum requirement of 3 flyers. Bob Kennedy requested that we offer a trophy for every fly with no

conditions, but that we set aside the entry fees received from all flys in a separate pool and at the end buy 9 trophies with it according to the available funds. Mr. Ed Young and myself were in favor of offering a trophy for every fly with a minimum of flying hours required such as 4 or 5 hours. This way we can offer a trophy for a job well done and not for 1 or 2 hours fly. In all cases, we thought the minimum "Three Flyers" requirement was unnecessary. That is trying to penalize a flyer for something that he has no control over such as others not flying. Since our finances at this time have improved and far better than I had anticipated in December, I have requested the officers to reconsider the awards again and perhaps to offer a trophy for every fly. Also, I am pleased to announce that we have had four flying trophies donated to us by two members which should be quite helpful in this respect. A very beautiful and large trophy was offered by Mr. Ed Borchers of No. Caldwell, N.J., to our Club for the best time flown during the year 1972 on one Scheduled fly. Also Mr. Merl Ed Emerson of Van Buren, Ark. has donated three nice flying trophies. These three are at my home now. We also brought up the question if we should have 10:00 a.m. as the deadline of release time in a scheduled fly day or not. They all agreed that we should maintain this. Therefore, everyone must have their kit released at or before 10:00 a.m. or disqualified. The subject of having two timers on hand for a record fly was kicked around by everyone pro and con for sometime. No agreement was reached on this subject and it was decided that we continue with the present rule and have it under consideration for a future issue. Here is some of the discussion on that. Stanley Ogozalek is opposed in having this Rule since he believes it is difficult to tell when on a given day a kit decides to stay up and do better than it usually does. Bob Kennedy, Ed Young and others believe in order for one to set a new record of over 16+ or 17+, one must start in the dark and finish in the dark with the available daylight in the U.S. - And he can do this only when he knows that his kit is ready for it. Also, it was suggested that the second timer should be on hand from start to finish and not to show-up at the latter stages of the fly. I will study this Rule later this year and consult with some flyers to get further opinions before we draw up a new Rule. In the meantime, we will go with our present Rule as it is. We Cautiously touched on the subject of affiliation, primarily from the standpoint of percentage membership as stated in our Constitution and By-Laws, and requiring 100% membership of the local affiliated Club. Both clubs suggested that the 100% membership is impractical and the percentage requirement unnecessary. I personally feel that the act of affiliation for the most part is a verbal agreement; and that can only be obtained through goodwill and understanding for the support of a National Club. I think we have this goodwill and understanding now from both clubs and we are proud of both, the DVFTC and the ATU for the support they have given the FTA in the way of membership, flying, Shows, and other activities. The merit of District Divisions and hence the District Directors was brought. The general feeling was that we do not operate in any way on a District level and these directorships are only a title and that is all. It was suggested that we eliminate the same. Instead, open a position called "Club Representatives". Whereby, each club selects a member each year representing that club in the FTA's decision making quorum. Regarding letter head stationaries and envelopes it was suggested that the same NOT be made available to the whole membership but only to the officers. The reason as explained to me is for the possible abusement by some members, using the FTA stationaries as a means to impress non-members or newcomers in selling birds. Also that the same to be used by the officers only in the line of club correspondence. Perhaps, other related or unrelated matters were discussed. I wrote the above only from memory and did not take notes. If

any of you who were present would like to make a correction, add or eliminate on the above report, please feel free to drop me a line. The above matters discussed will be presented to the officers for their further study and voting before they are written to our Fly-Rules and Constitution & By-Laws. I hope to have a revised copy of both to all of you as soon as the voting is completed.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Ed Young presented me with a very valuable award; a booklet entitled the "Tippler Pigeon" written in 1893, a collectors item. I am highly gratified to have received it. Also, Betty Kay and I received a nice Box of candy with a stuffed animal as a gift from both the DVITC and the ATU. The meeting was adjourned about 12:00 p.m. - then we headed for more Tippler-talk and happy hours. Betty Kay and I were first to leave at 1:00 a.m. the rest I understand stayed up till 3:30 a.m. Saturday was more a day of relaxation around the Tippler coops, finding groups of Tippler-men handling birds, talking and having a good time. I met several fine Tipplermen such as Earl Grollman, Tony Schepige, Emil Selnau, Dave Lewis, and Henry Czop. That night we had a nice Cocktail hour and Banquet by the NPA. This ended our three day meet. Words cannot describe the friendship, unity, and warmth of goodwill that existed among us in the few days spent together.

NEW MEMBERS - We are most pleased to have these gentlemen in our Club.

J. Mel Johnson - Rt. 3 Box 543, Mechanicsville, Virginia 23111

Joseph Suler - C/O Bobby's Acres, Rt. 23, Newfoundland, N.J. 07435

David Kirkland (Jr. Mem) - 1144 S.W. Tigard St., Tigard, Ore. 97223

Svend Hansen - 317 Blackwood Rd., Lindwood, N.J.

Sam Bonura - 11 Forge Rd., Helmetta, N.J.

Eddie Smith - 1353 Sellers St. Philadelphia, PA., 19124

John Lee Manuel (Jr. Mem) - 1353 Sellers St., Phil. PA., 19124

Roland DeSchepper - 364 East 19th St. North Vancouver, Canada

Dallas E. Davis - Rt. 1, Pine River Wis., 54965

Don Zink - 130 Lafayette Rd. North Babylon, L.I., N. Y.

Sarkis Zakarian - 1815 Reichert, Sauk Village, Ill. 60411

E.R. Ball - R.R 2, Stouffville, Ontario, Canada

We would like to express our warmest Welcome to all of you. If you have any questions, please write me or any of the FTA officers. We will be glad to communicate with you.

FINANCIAL REPORT - We closed our book for the year 1971 with a balance of \$92.98 - The major transactions for the past month were composed of Dues and band orders received and the Grand National Show rebate. The expenses were mainly the band refunds. Our finances have improved considerably, with present balance being \$252.56

BALANCE Jan. 1972 \$ 92.98

INCOME:

1972 Dues and Bands.....\$145.00

Grand National Show Rebate..... 47.50\$192.50 285.48

EXPENSE:

Band Refunds 24.00

Stamps 8.00

Extra Postage 0.42

Bank Service Charge 0.50 32.92..... 252.56

Amount deposited in the bank \$248.34, plus the petty cash on hand \$4.22, equals our book balance of \$252.56

Mr. Frank Hampson's Case - Has been postponed until April 24th

FURTURITY COMPETITION BANDS - Talking with the fellows at the National about the Furturity bands, it was suggested that for those who plan to compete in this event, they may simply use their own bands by selecting certain numbers for as many bands as they wish and send me the selected numbers along with a dollar for each band to be registered for this purpose. The flyer who is able to settle, train, and fly a kit wearing these bands and win the competition, will receive 50% in cash of the total amount of bands registered. The DEADLINE for entry in this competition is February 22nd - The flying date will be indicated in the Flying Schedule.

DAVID JORDAN, THE SUBJECT - One of the most difficult questions put to me at the night of the meeting was that if FTA leaders and the and the Oregon Club has made any effort in recovering the FTA's funds, records, and Mr. Lovatt's Original materials? In the past bulletin I indicated to you of the letters and phone calls by these parties for such recovery. I did not tell you about the following since it was classified at the time. Now I have the permission to do so and it follows that Mr. Robert Funk recently wrote a letter to Sheriff of the Washington County of Hillsboro, Oregon regarding this matter. Mr. Funk sent me a copy of the answer received reading as follows: "Dear Sir- In regards to your letter 1-18-72 re David Jordan, subject left listed residence on N.W. Jackson Hillsboro about 3 weeks ago. Subject left owing 4 month rent and about 80 Pigeons in the car garage unattended. He left no forwarding address. - M.E. DeRock Chief of Police, Hillsboro Oregon, By Agent R.L. Angle"---Gentlemen, this should give you the answer. Mr. Funk and other club officers are certainly trying.

NEXT BULLETINS - In the future bulletins we hope to get in to some training methods and handling birds. Also copies of the Fly Rules and Constitution & By-Laws will be sent along. If you have some material that could be used for the benefit of the members, please send to me.

FINEST FLYING TIPPLERS FROM THE

"BUTTERFLY LOFT"
OF
TONY SINKO

THEY HAVE FLOWN AND SHOWN AGAINST THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY. HAVE FLOWN LONG HOURS. I DO HAVE SOME FOR SALE AT \$25.00/PAIR. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT: 20 WOODROW RD. CLEMENTON, N.J. 08021

PHONE: 609 784-9407

ADDITIONAL NEW MEMBERS - We are most pleased to have the following as new members. Welcome to the FTA Club.

GUY Cardillo - 4826 47th S.W., Seattle, Washington 98116
Diane Ehli - 5559 N.E. Prescott, Portland, Oregon 97218
Peter Ehli - 5559 N.E. Prescott, Portland, Oregon 97218
Sonny Ehli - 5559 N.E. Prescott, Portland, Oregon 97218
(Diane, Peter, and Sonny Ehli are junior members)

ABOUT MEMBERS

SHIPPING MISHAP - Sometime ago when Perc Hagan shipped a few birds to Mr. E.R. Ball in Canada, he experienced a difficulty which resulted in him having to make several long distance calls and go through some channels to get the birds released. This may be of some value to you. Perc wrote: "I just received a shocker. I sent 6 birds to E.R. Ball in Toronto, Canada Thursday night. Mr. Ball has been calling the Airport repeatedly and no information. They never bothered to call him and let the birds sit there, no food or water. A friend of Mr. Ball happened to be there, saw the birds and his phone number and called him. I had the phone number on two labels, the shipment marked LIVE BIRDS. The reason these morons didn't bother to do anything because a certain Form was not on the shipment. I had a health Certificate but a shipment into Canada has to have Form #ANH-17 signed by a State Veterenarian along with a Health Certificate accompanying the birds. Our Vet. here is going to get the proper Forms executed and forward to Toronto in the morning. Our Vet. here called the Airport in Toronto and gave him this assurance, so he is releasing them. Also I called back and received assurance they would be fed and watered tonight..."

A COURAGOUS FIGHT - Last month I mentioned the problem Mr. Hampson has encountered with one of his neighbors and that he was going to Court. About the same time I happened to hear from Tony Sinko and he told me a little about his past. Now listen to this. Tony writes: "I am very proud of my Tipplers. (I am not the father of these pigeons, but I did make them). I even went to jail for my birds. I had to move from a good neighborhood and \$16,000 home because of my pigeons. No one would back me up in 1968, so I had to move. There wasn't any ordinance against my pigeons, but the neighbors didn't like pigeons in their neighborhood. I fought them for two years and it cost me a lot of money for fines and lawyers fees but I lost the case, because of some crooked politicians who thought up an Ordinance to make me get rid of my birds. But instead of getting rid of my birds I moved to a house that was pretty run-down, but I can have pigeons here. I have fixed the house up quite a bit and am starting to like it here now. But, I just wanted you and the Club to know how dedicated I am to my pigeons. They don't call me 'crazy Hungarian' for nothing." - Tony, we commend you for your dedication to the sport. Also glad to know that everything is fine now.

TIPPLER FUN - Our good friend Bob Lucas once told me this little story. I got a big kick out of it. I am sure you will too. He wrote: "I had an odd experience with eleven Lovatts about a week ago. I released them at 7 a.m., before leaving for work. Upon my return, at 5:30 p.m. they were still flying. I ate supper and had to leave the house on an errand. Getting back a few minutes to eight, I found the birds still up. AS the birds were about to land, a workman, installing Aluminium siding on the house next door, lets out with a piercing whistle. When I asked the guy to knock-it-off as I was concerned about getting them down before dark, the jerk proudly replied, "if it wasn't for me, Buddy, they would have been down, 3 hours ago." - I finally got them down and in, just before it got real dark."

HAPPY BREEDING SEASON

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FTA BULLETIN

MARCH 1972

BREEDING SEASON - This is another part of our activity that we look forward to each year. I find a part of Betty Kay's poem entitled Flying Tippler's Destiny, which appeared in our Tippler Special, most proper at this time when she said:

"Today, oh today, will the record I beat
will I go into victory or down in defeat?
But if they do not pass the test
you know that soon into the nest
Will hatch some strong and vibrant young
For you to put your hopes upon"

FTA club would like to wish all of you a successful breeding season.

PERC HAGAN'S LOVATT MATERIAL RECOVERED - Through a drive initiated by Robert Funk and his letter to the Sheriff of Washington County of Oregon, and a phone call from Perc to Jack Ehli, and subsequently through special effort by Jack Ehli, Mr. Lovatt's material along with the Club's material were recovered. Mr. Lovatt's material was sent to Perc all intact and in good shape. I do not know of the content, I only know that Mr. Lovatt's original Diploma when he set the past World Record was among them. Jack told me upon his arrival he discovered that the garage was used to keep the birds. Numerous bodies of starved pigeons were lying around. The remaining survivors had been given their freedom by the State Police and the neighbors. The FTA's and Mr. Lovatt's material were all found in a few cardboard boxes left behind. At this time Jack and I are in communication trying to sort out and reorganize the Club's material.

NEW MEMBERS - Let's Welcome the following gentlemen to our FTA Club.

C.D. Ralston - 40 Pezzullo St., Providence, R.I., 02919

Frank O'Neil - R.R. 1, Oldcastle, Ontario, Canada

Maurice Roy - 4032 Marie Victorin, Varennes, Quebec, Canada

Also, please add the following gentlemen's names and addresses to your Roster, who have renewed membership:

Karl W. Sauerlender - 214 Mountain View Ave., Kingston 6, Jamaica,
West Indies

Richard G. Fetsch - 8 Oak St., Garfield N.J. 07026

We appreciate Mr. Fetsch for the donation check he sent to the Club.

Also thanks to Bob Funk and John Connell for their donation.

PRINTED MATERIAL - Mr. Edward Hernandez of the Crescent Flying Tippler Club had volunteered to replace our printed matters because of its loss. This month I received a large box Parcel Post prepaid which contained appx. 1,000 copies of each, Timer's Report Cards, Diplomas, FTA Stationaries and envelopes. Let us express our many thanks to Mr. Hernandez for the money, time and effort spent by him in helping the Club.

RECORD BOOKS - During this period that I have been your acting Secretary, I found it necessary to establish some books and records for the Club. Now we have an ACCOUNTING BOOK which every transaction is recorded in and balance adjusted accordingly; a RECEIPT BOOK which we keep our receipt of expenses and Bank Statements; a FLYING RECORD BOOK, which so far I have been able to record the Flying Results of the past few years. When I receive our past records from Jack, I shall look over them and see how much work it does involve in recording them.

I might need one of you to volunteer in doing this job for the club. A BAND REGISTRY BOOK, for registration of bands used by FTA members. Please send your 1972 band numbers to me for entry in this book. I have purchased small items needed for the operation of the Club. At a later date, I will prepare an inventory of the Club's belongings to be presented to the membership. The above books are donated by myself. They are inexpensive and set up quite simple, only to meet our needs.

FLYING SCHEDULE - The schedule for the Flying competitions for the year 1972 is enclosed in this bulletin. This is prepared according to the FTA's traditional way of scheduling. In comparison to last year's schedule, you will find that the Fall Series dates are set back to a later date as we had it in the years past. As many of you know, last year's schedule for Fall Series was set too early where many of our Flyers were unable to get ready on time.

Please note the Rules brought to your attention at the bottom of the Schedule page. Any deviation from these Rules will result in your disqualification. Mr. Harry S. Evans will be our Central Timer, and all flying Correspondence should be related to him. He will furnish the Timer's Report Cards upon the receipt of your entry fee of \$2.00 per Fly. I would like to ask all of you to be cooperative on this by sending your fees at least a week in advance of the Fly. Also, if at all possible to send your entry fees for more than one fly at a time. This will reduce postage and envelopes cost for the Club, less work on the Central Timer, and also you are assured in having your Report Cards on hand.

THIRTY-SIX STAGES FOR THE FLYING TIPPLER NOVICE - This is training Method sent along with this bulletin for the benefit of all members. I find it quite instructive, particularly for our new members. Since this piece of literature explains the step by step method, along with the reasoning behind it, one can appreciate the many useful instructions offered by Mr. E. W. Matthews.

VOTING RESULTS - Of the 9 possible votes, we received 6 ballots. Here is how it went:

"Known as a Tippler fancier" - Passed with 5-for, 1-against

"Blood or Marriage" - Passed with 6-for

Trophy for every fly unconditionally - Received one (1) vote.

Trophy for every fly with minimum flying hours - Passed by receiving three (3) votes.

Trophy for best aggregate of each series and diploma for every fly - Received two (2) votes.

Affiliation; elimination of 100% membership requirement - Passed 6-for

District deviation and directors elimination - Passed with 6-for

Stationaries to Officers only - Received 1-for and 1-abstained

Stationaries to all members - Received 4-for and 1-abstained (Passed)

Request for advanced band order by members - Passed with 6-for

One officer suggested in the "Known as a Tippler fancier", the word "fancier" be changed to "Flyer". This is an excellent suggestion.

Although we had already thought of this. The only question is how one can define who is a flyer and who isn't. If you officers think the

word Fancier should be changed to Flyer, please drop me a line and

express your thoughts on that, also with your definition of a Flyer.

Also, of the 3 votes for minimum flying hours, only two indicated the limits. One as four(4) hours and the other as six(6) hours. I would

appreciate it if you officers drop me a short note and indicate your

choice of time limit as 4, 5, or 6 hours?

(the ballots are available for inspection by any of the officers if so desired)

For better understanding and further information on the above votings, please refer to the February bulletin.

FLYING RULES - A copy of same is being enclosed. The Flying Rules remain to be the same with revisions in 4 parts as follows:

1. In section 7a, the statement "The FTA would prefer the Timer be a member of the FTA"; has been changed to read "The Timers MUST be members of the FTA".
2. Section 7b has been added to cover the members not in a local Club area. For clarification, "all Rules applicable in this section and thereafter" is referring to the procedure of the fly to be conducted as in section 7a. Meaning the fly may be started at the presence of the first Timer, and should the fly appear to be a good one and a possible record breaker, then the second approved Timer must be called upon and proceed as in section 7a, and all other Rules.
3. (Section 23) - The requirements of a Flying Judge has been rewritten according to our presently passed Rule. The previous Rule states: "Any FTA OR local club member may act as a Timer if familiar with the Flying Rules and not barred from flying or being a Timer by the FTA or local club and approved by the local club". This Rule does not spell out if the "local club member" who is going to act as a Timer, must be a FTA member or not. Also, it does not clarify his relationship with the Flyer. The present Rule read as follows: "ANYONE WHO IS A FTA MEMBER, KNOWN AS A TIPPLER FANCIER, NOT RELATED TO THE FLYER BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE, AND NOT THE FLYER'S LOFT PARTNER, MAY ACT AS A TIMER IF FAMILIAR WITH THE FLYING RULES AND NOT BARRED FROM FLYING OR BEING A TIMER BY THE FTA OR HIS LOCAL CLUB."
4. (Section 39) - The "Flying Report" in the previous Rule did not cover sufficient vital information such as: Date, name and address of the flyer, finishing time, number of birds in kit etc. which is added on now.

Please study and learn your fly rules well.

FTA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS - Due to the volume of material sent to you in this bulletin, I have not had the opportunity to revise and prepare same. I should have a copy ready by the next bulletin. However, I find it necessary to review with you the Official and the Honor Systems of flying competitions in our club as revised by the recent Rulings. As before, we fly under two Systems:

1. **OFFICIAL SYSTEM** - A FTA member may fly under the official system by securing a Timer or Judge. It will no longer be necessary for a flyer to have a local club in his area. It is only necessary that the Timer or Judge be known as a Tippler fancier, and a member of the FTA in good standing but not related to the Flyer by blood or marriage or his loft partner.
2. **HONOR SYSTEM** - Any member who is not a member of a local affiliated club and who resides more than 25 miles from the location of a local club, or any member who can not secure a Timer subject to all requirements for a Timer, may compete under the Honor System. The only difference between the Official and the Honor System being that the flyer competing under the Honor System will not be required to have a Judge present during flying competition and that any

flying time accomplished shall be in Honor System competition only, and only Honor System records set. Any record fly will not be honored for any Club, National or World Record with the exception of the Association Honor System Record.

AWARDS - The feeling of our Officers on the majority of the matters we have discussed so far were for the most part in unison, until we came to the awards. The voting was scattered with mixed emotions on this. The following has passed and will be our award system:

"THERE SHALL BE A TROPHY AWARDED TO THE WINNER OF EACH FLYING COMPETITION PROVIDED SUCH FLY HAS REACHED _____ HOURS OR MORE."
(The blank space is to be decided by the Officers as 4, 5, or 6 hours)
The awards shall be equal for both the Official and the Honor System but separate.

I personally feel it is essential that we offer a trophy to the winner of every competition so long as we are financially capable of doing so. This is to provide an incentive for our members to compete. Yet I do not feel that we should offer expensive trophies for poor times. If the sport and our flying times are to move ahead, then by offering awards for poor flies, where comes the quality and how can we expect the flyers to try for better times?

MORE FLYING TROPHIES DONATED - We brought to your attention a very nice and large trophy donated to the Club by Mr. Ed Borchers for the best time flown in the Official System for the year 1972. We also mentioned the three fine trophies donated by Mr. Ed Emerson. Just received a letter from Mr. E.R. Ball of Canada donating a very large and magnificent trophy for the Honor System. Mr. Ball would like to name this trophy the "MARKASUE" trophy, being the condensation of the first names of his three daughters. Mr. Ball also requires that the trophy must be won 3 times by the same person, before it becomes his property. Let us express many appreciations to these good hearted gentlemen for their devotion in promoting the Flying Tippler Sport. Also, I was informed by Mr. Jack Ehli of the availability of a beautiful trophy for the best time of over 12 hours. He will tell us more about it in the next bulletin.

FURTURITY COMPETITION DEADLINE EXTENDED - We have extended the deadline for entry to this competition to APRIL 1st - Those planning to compete in this event may send their selected band numbers to me along with their entry fee of \$1.00 per band. We have 35 band numbers entered so far. (Official System Flyers only).

GOOD WILL - Mr. Pat Organ answered our call in helping Brother Clyde N. Roberts to get restarted with Tipplers again. They are in communication at this time. I am sure they will have something worked out soon. Many thanks to our warm-hearted Irish friend, Pat Organ.

WANTED

Two pairs of big strong fantails to be used as Droppers, so must be able to stand abuse. Contact Mr. E.R. Ball - R.R. 2 Stouffville, Ontario, Canada

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1972 FLYING COMPETITION
SCHEDULE

SPRING SERIES (OLD BIRDS)

1. April 29, 30
2. May 13, 14
3. May 27, 28

SUMMER SERIES (YOUNG BIRDS)

1. June 10, 11
2. June 24, 25 (Long Day Fly); Old, Young or Mixed Kit may be used.
3. July 8, 9 (FTA Furturity Fly)

FALL SERIES (OLD, YOUNG OR MIXED KIT)

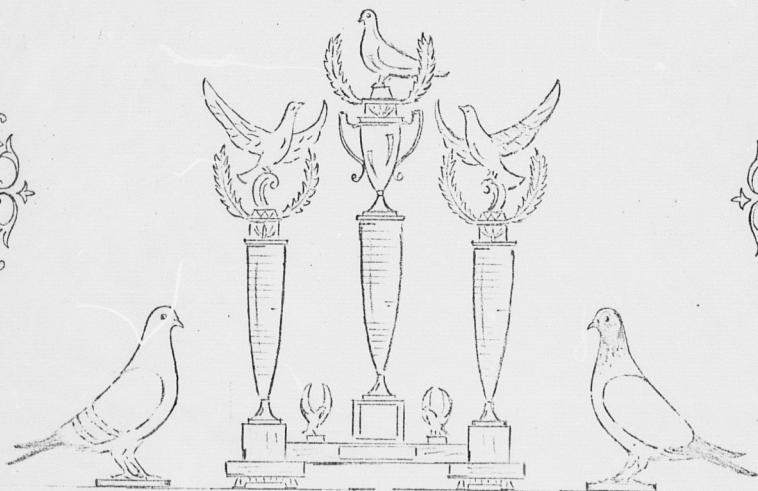
1. September 30, October 1
2. October 14, 15
3. October 28, 29

CENTRAL TIMER: HARRY S. EVANS
3033 Tolbert Rd.
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

RULES

1. Judges and flyers must use the FTA Flying Rules
2. Please observe the Official and Honor System Rules
3. All flying reports must be submitted on FTA's Official Timer's Report Cards.
4. To obtain Timer's Report Card, an entry fee of \$2.00 per Fly must be forwarded to the Central Timer at least one week in advance of the scheduled Fly. This is to assure ample time for you to receive the Report Card.
5. The Timer's Report Card must be postmarked the following Monday. Late reports will automatically be disqualified.

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FLYING SEASON - The winter months have gone by and the breeding season has begun. While we are awaiting the growth of youngsters, now it is time to divert our thoughts to the beginning of the Flying Season, The Spring Series. This, by all means, is the most exciting and the most enjoyable part of our sport. Let me urge all of you to participate in the Flys by tossing in your two dollars in the pot and becoming a participant instead of a spectator. I realize many of us are new with this sport, but we all have to begin some place, sometime. Maybe this is as good a time as any. All it takes is a kit, using some of the training and feeding methods from the "Tippler Special" or the "36 Stages..." or any other training methods at your disposal, then regular exercises, and a beginning of a Flying Career. You may not be the winner or win anything, but you can certainly be proud of yourself for being a competitor and possibly giving the winner a run for his money. The satisfaction and pleasure is all there, whether it be on the Honor System or the Official. You are accredited as a flyer whenever you can put a kit together and hang up a few hours of time. So, let's get a few of the old birds out, trim them down a little and get them in the air.

Our first scheduled Fly is on April 29 & 30th. Let me once again remind you to follow the Rules at the bottom of the Schedule. Obtain your Report Cards from the Central Timer, Mr. Harry Evans, at least a week in advance, mail your Report Card the following Monday, and send your Reports to Mr. Evans and not to me. Let's not allow these technicalities result in your disqualification. I have an indication that some of the fellows are all ready and raring to go. Let's begin our season in a spirit of healthy competition, and good luck to all of you.

NEW MEMBERS - Our Club is rapidly growing with the membership at 83 at this time. Let's extend a warm Welcome to the following new members:
 Mark Rounbehler (JM) - 2852 Almond, Philadelphia, Penn. 19137
 Ken Suler (JM) - Notch R., Oakredge, New Jersey 07435
 Bill Chapman (JM) - 28 Hilltop Rd., Newfoundland, New Jersey 07435
 Sylvester O. Townsend - 1117 Kerlin St., Chester, Penn. 19013
 Steve Zimmer (JM) - 9225 S.W. 68th St., Miami, Florida 33143
 Dr. Christopher R. Mills - 720 E. French Camp Rd., French Camp, Cal. 95231
 Frank R. Clyde - 886 Sunset Lane, Earlington, Penn. 18918
 Ronald Kuaro - 6158 Broadway, Lancaster, New York 14086
 Wilf Lovatt - 65 Kelvin Ave., Sneyd Green, Stoke-On-Trent, England
 R. J. Brown - 306 Locust Ave., Baltimore, Maryland 212-21
 Welcome again! We are glad to have you with us. If we can help you in any way, please write.

We would like to extend a special welcome to Mr. Wilf Lovatt of England. Mr. Lovatt held the World Record of 20 hours from June 22, 1963, to June 20th, 1971. Mr. Lovatt welcomes letters from you commenting on his strain of birds. However, I would like to mention that Mr. Lovatt is living on an Old Age Pension, a limited budget. So, if you expect an answer, please include a postage coupon or a dollar in your letter to cover his postage cost.

F.T.A. NATIONAL FLYING CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD

By Jack Ehli

In 1968 I assumed the position of secretary-treasurer of our F.T.A. I had the pleasure of serving in this capacity for two and one-half years. Early in the beginning of my tenure of service to the club, it became most aware that something should be done in an effort to create greater interest and more participation in our flying competitions. Under the prevailing conditions at that particular time, we undertook the promotion of the award which is known as the "F.T.A. National Flying Championship."

The following is taken in part from my July 1968 bulletin, and runs as follows.

There is a possibility that one reason that we do not have more participation in our flying competitions is that the awards and recognition have not been great enough. We have now established an award and a title that I am sure you will all feel is a most worthy award to stimulate your endeavors regards flying competition.

This will be a yearly award. The title will be, (justifiably so) "F.T.A. National Flying Champion." The award will be the beautiful nineteen inch trophy (club property) that I have illustrated on the cover of this bulletin. This is an award that we can be most proud to offer, and I know it will add considerable prestige to our club. To be won under the official flying system, while flying on any of our regular club flying dates. To win this title you must at least fly the clock round. That is, at least twelve hours. Whoever flies the best official time over twelve hours will win the title and the trophy. Along with this, will be an article about the champion flyer and his birds, and the award, in the A.P.J. which will also be good publicity for our club. If no one flies over the twelve hours in any flying season, there will, of course, be no award given.

This award was established with the 1969 competition. To date, no one has won this award. 1972 will be the fourth year running for same.

The response regards the establishment of this award has been most gratifying. We are in hopes that whoever in the future is in the position of leadership of our club will see fit to continue this most worthy and challenging flying championship award. The greatest accomplishment imaginable for a competition flier would be to break an existing flying record. The next most rewarding accomplishment, we feel, would be to win the F.T.A. National Flying Championship.

Good Flying and Best Regards to all,

Jack

For competition flying a Tippler must be well drilled. By that we mean that it should be taught to fly and remain air-borne until signalled to alight. This schooling is given as a youngster, and so long as the bird goes through its life of flying and always obeys its training then there is no reason why it should not continue to perform until four or five years of age. Pigeons do not generally mature until three years old, so the flying life of a Tippler depends on how soon it will develop bad habits, such as alighting away from home and not flying through the expected time. In competition flying, one cannot afford to risk competing with a bird that has dropped down on some house or tree out of bounds, for if it feels inclined it will surely do it again, and more than probably take its kit mates down with it, and thus cause disqualification. So you must realize that many Tipplers have a short flying life through these mishaps. One must not always blame the pigeon, for, in most cases it is the fault of the owner for not understanding the condition of the bird when put out to fly the expected duration. One cannot train birds to fly until signalled unless one knows when they have had enough. You can be sure that this knowledge comes only with experience.

Ray Burrows set the new world's record (20 hrs. & 2 min.) with three cocks, one was three years old at the time, the other two were four years of age!

FIXING TIPPLERS IN RESEARCH

A recent letter from Dr. Russell V. Brown Ph.D. from University of Missouri, addressed to Mr. Jack Ehli; indicates the possible use of Flying Tipplers as experimental model for studies in heart disease. This is based on the relationship of diet, exercise, and the resulting changes in blood components and its effect on the heart.

Jack Ehli has already provided Dr. Brown with all the needed information and he has been referred to Perc Hagan to obtain birds. We are glad to see our Flying Tipplers being under consideration for this study. It's our pleasure to be of service to Dr. Brown in any way we can. This is in part a copy of his letter:

"We are conducting research on pigeons and currently use Racing Homers and Carneaux. We do some research on pigeon diseases, but this is incidental to our main purpose of studying atherosclerosis, the primary form of heart disease. We have found the Carneaux to be very susceptible to heart disease and the Homers quite resistant. We are now studying certain constituents in the blood that are inherited and may be related to susceptibility to heart disease. We are, of course, interested in learning about the basic nature of heart disease so this information can be used to expand our knowledge of heart disease in man.

We are interested in obtaining a few Tipplers so that we can determine which of these factors may be present and if the Tippler would be a good experimental model for studies of problems related to human heart disease. We can add certain substances to the diet to make even the resistant birds susceptible to heart disease.

We think the Tippler is of potential value in studying the relationships of diet and exercise to heart disease. If the Tippler can be turned out to fly for long periods of time, the changes in blood components, due to exercise can be measured. Also the protective value of exercise in preventing heart disease, or its effect on animals with heart disease can be studied.

We would like to purchase two or three pairs of breeding birds to use in initial studies. We are not concerned about colors, show quality, pedigrees, or such factors unrelated to ability to perform in our experimental situation. Would you price us some birds, or give us the name of someone that might have some surplus breeding stock available.

I assume that some sort of training is necessary for young birds to develop into fliers. If you could give me some hints on training, I would appreciate it.

Sincerely, Russell V. Brown, Ph.D., Geneticist "

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MINIMUM FLYING TIME FOR TROPHY - In the last bulletin I requested the Officers to indicate their desired time. M. Ed Young, Sec. of the DVFTC made a motion in their official club meeting that the time be set at six (6) hours. The motion was passed and accepted. Others responding were: Nasser Shirakbari 4 hours; Frank Gatri 6 hours; Harry Evans 6 hours. Therefore, the six (6) hours shall have it. This means we will be awarding a trophy for every flying competition provided that the Fly has reached a minimum of six hours.

FURTURITY COMPETITION FLYERS - A total of 37 bands have been registered for this competition, by the following gentlemen: Bob Kennedy, Ed Young, Joe Rounbehler, John Smith, Bill Conboy, and Clifford Heath. Please send your entry fees for this event to the Central Timer. The winner will receive \$18.50 from the Furturity pool. Should he also be the winner of the entire event in this fly, and having a minimum of six hours flying, he shall also receive the trophy. The Scheduled date is July 8 & 9.

COMPOSITE REDUCED FLYING RATE - We will accept a \$15.00 fee instead of \$18.00 from those who plan to compete in all nine competitions, and also pay for same all at once.

LOCAL CLUB REPRESENTATIVES - Local Clubs may elect a FTA member as their Representative to the FTA. Please send in report by the end of this month.

SHORT FINANCIAL REPORT - Book balance \$372.28; bank deposit \$367.96 + petty cash \$4.32 equaling the book balance.

FLYING TIPPLERS

MOUNTAINSIDE PIGEON LOVES

C. A. BEHLING

3658 EVEREST ST.

ARLINGTON, CALIF. 92503

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FLYING TIPPLER REGISTRATION

Protection of the Flying Tippler Sport and availability of quality Flying Tipplers lies within the responsibility of the FTA. In this effort, our Club is taken under consideration probable registration of quality and proven Flying Tipplers. Although registration of birds is available by the American Registry Of Pigeons, we feel their requirements for registration is primarily for Show Birds, with vague requirements for flying birds and particularly unrelated to the Flying Tippler Sport. Therefore, it is only our FTA who can qualify to set requirements for registration of Flying Tipplers, and to determine which bird(s) are qualified to be registered according to the available data and documents to assure the validity of a registered bird as a proven Flying Tippler.

In a recent letter from Perc Hagan to Bob Funk, he writes: "I would like to propose to you for comment and forward to Nasser to air in our bulletin our own registration of Tipplers. I will volunteer to set up and keep the records. There will be an individual card set up for each bird of merit. To be decided will be minimum hours flown to be registered 6, 8, 10, 12 hours? My suggestion would be 8 hours minimum. I would record owner, and or breeder, strain, seamless band number and date, color, hours flown and date. This multi-ring Binder and Cards would run around \$30-40.00 (dollars), to get set up. I will buy and donate the binder and Cards etc. and keep the records which will be Club's property. All money going to the Club less cost of postage. A fee would have to be charged for registration information, to stop people who are just inquisitive. Only sincere buyer would inquire. Also a fee is to be charged to register the birds. The Honor System Flyers may also be eligible for registration however, the card will show and indicate such, and the same will become available to the inquirer."

In a later letter, Perc proposes setting up a pricing system as to value of such proven flyers by saying: "a bird flown 8 hours minimum average of 3 times should be valued at \$8.00 - a bird flown OVER 8 hours would be rated at \$3.00 per next full hours over 8 hour mark." For example a bird flown 12 hours would be worth \$20.00 (\$8.00 base price, and 4 extra hours at \$3.00/hour = \$12.00, totaling \$20.00)

My personal opinion is that we can not expect more from Perc, for he is making the initial investment of \$30-40.00, donating them to the Club, setting up and keeping up with the records, and forward the fees less operating cost to the Club. I consider this as a fine contribution. However, I do not feel we are in a position to tell anyone at what price to buy or sell birds. Only that we make available the service of registration, to assure that registered birds are well qualified for registration, and to make such information available to a sincere inquirer. Thereby, as a whole, contribute to the betterment of the Sport.

Since this concerns us all and the Sport, and since we are at the early stages of thoughts along the line of registration of Flying Tipplers, I would like to ask you members to voice your views on this subject by writing me a few lines, so I can project a summary of your thoughts in the next bulletin for everyone to read. Then we will take it from there.

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The Flying Season is underway now and the waiting period is over. We are looking forward to a competitive, exciting, and enjoyable Flying Season. I have some indication that we will have more competitors entering our flys in the future. This should be reflected in our Fall Series, as many of our new members are breeding and training, aiming to be ready for Fall.

The May bulletin could not be held off so we can bring you the results of the 1st Spring Fly. In due process it would have had to be delayed 10 days, therefore becoming a last minute rush job. In the next bulletin we will be able to give the results of the 1st and 2nd Spring Series. Again here are the dates for the Spring Old Birds Series:

April 29, 30
May 13, 14
May 27, 28

I am sure all of you noted the very well designed cover of the last bulletin. The fine art work was done by Jack Ehli a few years ago, and was used for some of the past bulletins. This is just a short note to Thank him for preparing sufficient copies for our April bulletin, and also for his article on "FTA National Flying Championship Award".

NEW MEMBERS - We would like to Welcome the following gentlemen to our Club.

Mel W. Lavoie - #1 - 2505 Sunset Drive, Kamloops, B.C., Canada
Robert J. Coppola - 1144 Fernwood Ave., Maple Shade, N.J. 08052
Elmer J. Randall - 104-67 48th Ave., Corona, N.Y. 11368
John D. Lathom - 955 Eastwood Rd., Beaver Falls, PA. 15010
E. Loach - 26 Francis St., Derby, England

Mr. Loach is the Secretary of the National Tippler Union of Great Britain His membership is sponsored by Harry Evans. Also, Mr. W. Lovatt is sponsored by Perc Hagan.

If you have a friend from another Country, and would like for him to receive the FTA bulletin, you may obtain his approval and sponsor his membership dues. I am running a few bulletins each month on onion skin paper, which makes it possible to send them the bulletins at a reasonable postage cost.

UP-TO-DATE ROSTER - Due to considerable membership increase, the present Roster became out dated sooner than expected, so we will have an up-to-date Roster to you in the next bulletin.

1973 FTA BANDS

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Although we are still in the breeding season, I am sure some of you are thinking of our own club bands for next year. I plan to purchase the bands from a source here in the U.S. - I wrote to the Gey Band and Tag Co., and inquired some information as to the price above and below certain quantity and the date when we can place in our order. I received the following:

FTA 73	1-1000	per 1000	\$37.50/m	FOB Factory
	5000 or more	per 1000	30.00/m	or payment with order
				FOB destination.

Delivery 20 to 30 weeks A.R.O.

We have been mfg. 1973 bands since Feb. 25, 72

As you note, it will take about 5 to 8 months for our bands to be ready. Therefore, I think it is the time we place in our order for next year. It is quite difficult for me to guess how many bands our membership will require. I am enclosing the following order blank for you to fill and return to me. I will fill your orders according to your order blank, and on the basis of first-come-first-served. I number each order as received 1, 2, 3 etc. and fill in that order. Also, I would like to ask that you include your band payment along with your order sheet. The paying for your bands now, is not mandatory, and you may send your check in the month of January, when we get ready to distribute them. However, I do appreciate it if you include your check along with your order. This is because our membership has grown considerably, and should the number of bands to be ordered be high, this may take a large sum of the club's treasury and leave us with very little to operate and purchase the 1972 trophies. It is quite important that we take care of this matter soon, due to Time factor. So, please fill your Order Sheet and send it to me with or without your check as soon as possible. I will turn the order in the first week of June. FTA Bands are sold at 6¢ each.

Please cut at dotted line and forward

I _____ of _____
Name Address

Would like to order _____ 1973 FTA Bands.
Number of bands

My remittance Is, Is NOT enclosed for amount of \$ _____
(check one)

For Secretary's use.

Date received _____, Number assigned _____, Check _____

MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON REGISTRATION

We received these comments from the following members on registration. Their interest in the Club welfare is appreciated. Lets hear from more of you with comments and suggestions.

JOHN MCCARROLL - Rufus (Burns) and I both agree that some system of registering the better Flying Tipplers should be undertaken in order to protect the fancy from unscrupulous pigeon peddlers. The idea of registering bird band numbers, hours flown, strain etc. seems good to me and Hagan should be complimented for offering to set up the system for the FTA. As far as putting a set price on registered birds, I think that a person should set his own value on his stock. However, if Hagan's pricing set-up is accepted by the membership; a person should be able to get good flying stock at a reasonable price.

DAVID BORTELL - My personal feelings on registration are that if we have this service for our members it would be an incentive not only to receive a trophy for six hours, but also to try for eight hours so we can get our birds registered which would be a benefit. For then you could say we have top quality birds in our loft, flying birds, not show, for after all we are a flying club. I do not agree on a pricing system regulated by our club, for after all if you are a devoted Tipplerman, price is no object for top quality birds. And should be left up to you or me as an individual

I.M. TURTON - I think Mr. Hagan's proposition is an excellent one. But the actual registration of the birds would have to be handled very, very carefully.

I believe in the registration of all pure bred and highly-bred stock. If I understand the suggestion correctly, I am not enamoured with registering only those birds that have flown. Every member of the FTA should be encouraged to register his birds, providing he can show a pedigree certificate, and can prove that he, in fact, did start with pure-bred flying Tippler stock.

But mere registration will not guarantee (as every fancier knows) that every young Flying Tippler bred would come on to fly 8, 12 or 20 hours! It merely guarantee that the buyer would be buying birds from proven flying Tippler stock. We have as an example, the stud Book of the horse-racing people, where some of the colts registered turned out to be absolute duds.

The intending buyer of flying Tippler will, certainly, use the flying competitions as guide to measure quality, and will learn (quickly enough) from whom he should buy, and what price he should pay for good birds. I agree with you that no one can tell any fancier at what price to buy or sell birds.

Registration would help to keep the Flying Tippler pure. If registration had started many years ago, it would have prevented the crossing-in of alien blood; which, I believe, has been added to some strains of modern Flying Tipplers.

RONALD KUMRO - In regards to the article on registering the good flying Tipplers, I would like to compliment Mr. Hagan for taking on this job. I believe the minimum time should be set at 8 hours. To fly lesser times than this, is relatively easy to accomplish if one has decent birds to start with. I take your position on the part of pricing, as I too, believe we are in no position to tell anyone at what price to sell or buy, and if a fancier wants to buy good stock, I'm sure he should realize that they don't come cheap.

PERC HAGAN'S BULLETIN NOTES - Last month I received a small bundle of papers from Perc. After going over them, I found pieces of papers of all colors and sizes with some writings jotted down on them. I started reading some of them. I found the material was composed of some notes, ideas, suggestions, flying experiences, instructions and all sort of interesting reading material. I found out whenever something comes in to Perc's mind, he'll write it down on a piece of paper. This is how this small accumulation of material has come about. I plan to use some of them in bulletins when the space is available. Here are a few samples from Perc: "OK all my frigid flying brethren. How does this grab you. Laying in a hammock on March 12th watching my birds fly. I expect now to have a big influx of club members moving to South Carolina, you can't beat it." "A suggestion to all members. When you get your bulletin, address an envelope to our Club Secretary right then. During the month make notes on pieces of paper and drop it in for mailing on the end of the month." "I flew five cocks Saturday, March 4th. Birds were let out too late. They flew 7½ hours and into dark. One came down, and the remainder returned Sunday morning. Then they were kept on diet of barley. Monday 6th, I gave a little linseed, and Tuesday night they were given Epsom Salt. Then on Wednesday morning and Wednesday night they were given, all five birds, 1/3 portion by volume Purina Top Flight grain. Released at 7:35 Thursday morning. They flew at nice height for most of the time, and several times out of sight. Temperature was 32 degrees and later rose to 65. I got them down at 2:15 pm and inside in about one minute. Time flown, 6 hours and 40 minutes." I hope more of you try to do the same thing by making short notes on your experiences when working with your birds. Or when you are thinking about some club matters, and some idea comes to your mind, write it on a piece of paper and send it to me. This is a good way to help me and the club by sharing your experiences with other club members, enjoying the hobby, helping to make more interesting bulletins, and most important, expressing your thoughts as a member for the betterment of the club. So, lets hear from you.

ED YOUNG'S VISIT WITH US - The weekend of April 8th and 9th we had the pleasure of having Mr. Ed Young, Secretary of the Delaware Flying Tippler Club at our home. Mr. Young was attending a two week Postmaster school at the University of Oklahoma. When the weekend came, he gave us a call, and we were glad to have him come to stay with us. Once again we had the opportunity for a nice visit and Tippler-talk. We spent Sunday morning training a kit of four hens. The wind was quite strong, and the kit went through its training drill well. In the afternoon, we visited Ed Emerson's loft. Again, more pigeon talk, handling birds, and watching a couple of kits of Rollers fly. Then Ed was due to catch his bus back to the University for another week of schooling. We certainly were glad to have him here, and enjoyed the visit very much.

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FLYING REPORT 1st & 2nd SPRING SERIES - The 1972 Flying competitions got under way on April 29 and 30th. All reports were sent in on time and same were forwarded to me by Mr. Harry Evans, Central Timer without delay. I am sure all flyers have received their reports also.

I am happy to announce that the 12 hour barrier has been removed by Tony Sinko in the first Spring Series with a Time of 12 hours and 39 minutes. Congratulations to Tony and Mrs. Sinko who stands by him all the way.

Although some good times have been flown in our Club in the years past, they were for the most part on the Honor System; also good times have been few, and far between. Last year the 12 hour barrier was brought to your attention and a goal was set. Now we have reached that goal and all it remains for this year is to see if someone else can better Tony's Time or Tony can better his own. Tony has become the 1st rightful candidate for the "National Championship Award", the magnificent trophy described on the April bulletin cover. The bet is open to every one with the best Time of over 12 hours till the end of this year. Should no one do better, then Tony will receive the following awards:

1. The "National Championship Award"
2. Ed Borchers trophy for best Time flown in 1972
3. A Flying Diploma, stating his flown Time and his Placement
4. The FTA trophy for winning that fly

One shot and four biggies...

We think with the type of awards and recognition we are providing for our flyers, it is certain that our flyers have something to look forward to for their hard work. Let me say that Tony is not getting his result for nothing. He is very dedicated and he means business. The Judges present were Joe and Mark Rounbehler and Earl Grollman. Here is a sample of the discussion that took place between Joe and Tony at the 11th hour:

Tony - If they don't go 12, I'll pull their heads off

Joe - You're crazy... I'll pay you \$100 for the three of them now

Tony - Not selling

Under the remarks Joe wrote: Birds flew very good, this man is tough to beat

It is my intention that with the approval of our officers we will offer better and bigger awards this year and in the future, to our flyers. Also, to continue offering the National Championship award each year when someone meets the goal. Our finances are in good shape and I see no better way to invest it than to our deserving flyers. So, gentlemen you've got the bird and we've got the organization supporting competition. Let's get after it. Now, on with the report. Also, congratulations to Bill Conboy for his fine showing coming 2nd with a Time of 11 hours and 3 minutes. The Timer Pat Organ wrote: A lovely day and a lovely Fly.

With Flying Tipplers, disqualification, is a part of the game that we all need to learn to live with. This time it had to knock at Don Zink's loft door. Don released the birds at 5:45 a.m., and put the droppers out at 6:10 p.m. - but failed to drop the kit within the hour, therefore getting disqualified after flying a fine time of 12 hours & 25 minutes. Timer was Elmer J. Randall.

Joe and Mark Rounbehler flew 6 hours and 28 min. on a cloudy and hazy day. Timer, Tony Sinko. Bob Kennedy flew 5-52, Timed by Robert Lucas. Stanley Ogozalek disq., unable to trap birds within the hour, Timed by Michael Centiconio. Clifford Heath flew 4-47 on a clear, calm day. Birds well kitted and flew high. Timer Bill Conboy.

On the Honor System Frank Hampson flew a kit of 5 birds 7 hours & 50 min. on a cloudy and windy day with a 15 MPH wind. Nasser flew 2-27 in heavy dark clouds, no wind, 72 degrees. Mr. Hampson will receive a trophy. Also he becomes an eligible candidate for the "MAKASU" trophy donated by Mr. E.R. Ball.

APRIL 29, 30

<u>FLYER</u>	<u>TIME FLOWN</u>	<u>TIMER</u>
Tony Sinko	12 hrs 39 min (Trophy & Diploma)	Joe Rounbehler Earl Grollman
Bill Conboy	11 hrs 03 min (Diploma)	Pat Organ
Joe & Mark Rounbehler	6 hrs 28 min	Tony Sinko
Bob Kennedy	5 hrs 52 min	Robert Lucas
Clifford Heath	1 hr. 47 min	Bill Conboy
Don Zink	Disq.	Elmer Randall
Stanley Ogoza'lek	Disq.	M.J. Conticchio
Svend Hansen	Disq. (No Report)	

HONOR SYSTEM

Frank Hampson	7 hrs 50 min (Trophy)
Nasser Shirakbari	2 hrs 27 min

On the second Spring Fly, once again Tony Sinko came on top flying 7-22 in hazy weather, a hard fly, Timer Earl Grollman. This time Don Zink was able to drop the birds, coming in second place with 7-11. And Bill Conboy coming in 3rd place flying 6-40. Bob Kennedy doing 5-10 on a sunny warm day. Joe Prochillo flying 5 hours even in cloud and humid conditions. Stanley Ogozalek disqualified after flying 4-10 in overcast and showers, then one bird dropped, and was unable to get the remainder of kit. Joe and Mark Rounbehler flew 3-14. On the Honor System the duel took place between Frank Hampson and myself again. I flew under good conditions, clear, sunshine, 5-10 MPH West wind, (hrs 3) min. - While Frank Hampson chose to fly 5 birds in rainy weather and they were down in rain after 5 hrs & 15 min. - This gives Frank and I one notch each for the "MAKASU" trophy.

MAY 13, 14

<u>FLYER</u>	<u>TIME FLOWN</u>	<u>TIMER</u>
Tony Sinko	7 hrs 22 mins (Trophy)	Earl Grollman
Don Zink	7 hrs 11 mins	Bob Kennedy
Bill Conboy	6 hrs 40 mins	Pat Organ
Bob Kennedy	5 hrs 10 mins	Don Zink
Joe Prochillo	5 hrs 00 mins	Tony Sinko
Stan Ogozalek	Disq.	M.J. Conticchio
Joe & Mark Rounbehler	3 hrs 14 mins	John Smith
Svend Hansen	Disq. (No Report)	

HONOR SYSTEM

Nasser Shirakbari	6 hrs 31 mins (Trophy)
Frank Hampson	5 hrs 15 mins

Joe Kelley reported two fine Times for the 1st & 2nd Flys. 10 hours for the first, and 10 hrs 59 mins. for the second Fly. However he had not entered the competitions; therefore, not qualified for awards. We invite Joe to send his \$2.00 entry fees, get his report card and compete with us.

DELAWARE VALLEY REGION FLYING TIPPER CLUB
MONTHLY MEETING

BY
EDWIN YOUNG, Sec.

The DVRFTC monthly meeting was held on April 21, 1972, at the residence of Frank Snyder, Phil., PA. - In attendance were the following Club members: Joe Prochilo, Svend Hansen, Tony Sinko, Frank Snyder, Ed Young, John Smith, Joe Rounbehler, Frank O'Keefe, and Henry Bampffield.

It was proposed by Joe Rounbehler that we should have Gang Flys again this year. The matter was discussed, but no final decision was made. It was suggested that the matter be brought up again in the next meeting, giving the members some time to think about it in the meantime.

A motion by Joe Rounbehler which was tabled on March, 17 meeting, was brought up again. This motion was to accept the restrictions of Junior members as published in the February A.T.U. bulletin, Article B - This motion was again tabled until the next meeting due to the shortage of time, since 1½ hours was spent in discussing the pros & cons of this motion. The assignment of Flying Judges, Flyers, Days, and Dates of Spring Series took up the rest of the meeting.

Food and refreshments were provided after the meeting to placate the palates of those who had differences during the meeting. It seems that when you break bread together you begin to understand the other's point of view. Only through dialogue and communication can we reach an understanding. Our next meeting will be at Svend Hansen's residence in New Jersey on May 19th; at which time we will bring up the 1973 FFA Bands.

Thank you Ed for the fine report. We will be glad to publish your report whenever you can send us one. Also, let me take this opportunity to thank those of you who have contributed to our bulletins from time to time; namely Perc Hagan, Jack Ehli and Bill Conboy; also those who expressed their thoughts on the registration subject, John McCarroll, David Bortell, I.M. Turton, and Ronald Kumro.

Now, going back to Ed Young's report. For those of you who are not familiar with the Junior Restrictions as outlined by the ATU Club, it follows:

1. No vote until 18 years of age
2. If a Junior member enters a fly and has an adult Timer acceptable to the Club, the Junior member is eligible to compete in the adult Flying class.
3. If a Junior member acts as Timer, the Junior Flyer will be acceptable in a Junior Class of Flys and will compete for Junior Class awards only
4. Junior member dues will be half the regular rate
5. A Junior member reaching age of 18 (making him eligible as an adult member) must compete as a Junior member for the balance of the flying season of the year he becomes 18, and can only become a full, adult member in the following flying season.

I believe our rules as regards Junior members are inadequate and we must consider the adoption of the basic ideas as proposed above. Here is my analysis: Rules No. 1 & 4 are already written into our Constitution & By-Laws. We should adopt Rule No. 2 as it is written. Rule No. 3 implies that a Junior member can not act as a Timer for a Senior member, only for another Junior member in his own Class. I think we should adopt it, but re-word it without implication. Stating: 3. A Junior member may not act as Timer for a Senior member in the Official System. A Junior member may

act as Timer for another Junior member in Junior Class Official Flying competitions with its own awards. Rule No. 5 should also be adopted with some modification as follows: 5. A Junior member reaching the age of 18 after the start of the Spring Series, must compete as a Junior member for the balance of the year.

Therefore, I propose that we adopt the following Rules and enter them in our Constitution & By-Laws in next year's revision. I would like to hear from the members and Officers any suggestions that you might have before ballots are sent out to the officers for voting.

JUNIOR MEMBERS-RULES & RESTRICTIONS

1. The Junior member will be so designated as any member who has not attained 18 years of age. (Article 3, Sec. 5)
2. Junior members will not have the power to vote in matters concerning the Association. (Article 3, Sec 9, in part)
3. Junior member dues will be half the regular rate (Article 4, Sec. 2 ^{Indirect})
4. If a Junior member enters a fly and has an adult Timer acceptable to the Club, the Junior member is eligible to compete in the adult Flying Class, the Official System.
5. A Junior member may not act as Timer for a Senior member in the Official System. A Junior member may act as Timer for another Junior member in Junior Class Official Flying Competition with its own awards.
6. A Junior member reaching the age of 18 after the start of the Spring Flying Series, must compete as a Junior member for the balance of the year.

The Rules No. 1, 2, 3 are already found within our By-Laws, and No. 4, 5 and 6, are needed to be added, which constitutes my proposal.

NEW MEMBERS - We would like to Welcome three new members to our Club:

Merrall MacNeille - King's Eye, Glyndon, MD 21071

Doug Patterson - RR #1, Ludington, Mich. 49431

John Cullen - 5 Burnside Close, Southmead, Bristol, England

Mr. Cullen is one of British Long-Time flyers with 19 hours to his credit on Long Day Fly. Very keen in flying and showing. He was sponsored to our Club by Mr. Ed Young.

BANDS - We have received 2,580 band orders from a small number of our membership. Therefore, I am ordering 6,000 bands to accomodate the remaining of the membership and those joining in the future. Again I would like to urge all of you to fill your order blank from the last bulletin and forward to me, so in case there could be a shortage, I will be able to re-order additional bands in ample time. Your cooperation is appreciated.

REPRESENTATIVE POSITION - Joe Rounbehler of the Delaware Flying Tippler Club has been elected to represent the DVRFTC in the FTA Club. Congratulations Joe. We will also accept representatives from the ATU, Oregon, and Crescent Club. Please let me hear from you.

ROSTER - Will be issued every 6 months. Should accompany the next bulletin

REGISTRATION - is still under study. I would like to hear more comments from the members.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Our Book balance at the present stands at \$563.89 This includes Dues and Flying fees, Mr. Ball's check for "MAKASU" trophy, and band orders.

FLYING TIPPER NOTES

FROM PERC HAGAN

A few comments from yours truly may be of interest especially members of our fast growing Club that have tried to fly my Lovatt Tipplers.

You can't fly Tipplers every day. You can fly twice a week with fair success, by keeping on a careful diet. If you plan to fly on a given date then they must be conditioned for 2 to 3 weeks for that day and be a balanced kit. I've had comments of overflys from almost everyone, comments of landing in trees or out of bounds on fly days.

Understand the meaning, that their feed in quantity and quality needs to be less than their stamina. Tipplers have to be conditioned to fly light, hard, wiry. You can't feed a Tippler to fly. It will get fat and lazy. A good meal of rich grains and it will tire before it hungers. This is one reason for landing out of bounds. On competition day packing the food in, is guaranteed failure.

Droppers are effective only if the flyers have used up their food supply and are hungry, but are still strong and have the stamina, hard well developed flying muscles to keep going.

An unbalanced kit will also cause one or more to land out of bounds. If you have one or two exceptional flyers that are strong, they will continue after the others drop but having seen the droppers and the others land would want to continue, but a little later will land elsewhere. They may even rest a little and fly again. To illustrate a point I am now flying six hens, two are exceptional, If I plan Saturday morning then Friday morning I feed these two barley only. The other four possibly $\frac{1}{2}$ barley, $\frac{1}{2}$ grain mixture or all grain. Under this feeding they fly well, get hungry all together and land together as they should. If I fed all six alike as I had been, four would drop and the other two would not be ready to drop, and would hover undecided and invariably land out of bounds.

Stamina is the stuff that makes Chamions or one better than the other, or one to fly longer on the same food. Each bird is an individual and must be observed and trained accordingly, until you can select the perfect balanced kit.

Bill Conboy of Patchogue, N.Y. sent me his Note Book to look over and for use in the bulletin. Bill keeps tap on every training fly, combination of birds used, time flown, as well as Official weather report cut out of the newspaper. This appears every so often in the notebook, primarily to indicate the Official sunrise and sunset. I'll try to jump through the notes to give you an idea.
FROM BILL CONBOY

Jan. 12 - Red Grizzle out first time in 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ months, flew 1 hr., Red and Blue cock flew 8 hrs after 1 month training.
Jan 13, kept in due to fog; 14th in; 15th 5 hrs; 16th in; 17th 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs; 18th 8 hrs with 4 birds; 19th & 20th in...Jan. & Feb. out 2 times a week, 10 and 11 hours almost every time.

March 10 - All young birds out, yellow and red flew 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. Blue cock, red hen, red grizzle 9 hrs.

March 13 - 2 hens and 1 cock, out 6 a.m., In 3:02 p.m., 9 hrs 2 min. a foggy day, flew low. 19th - 4 birds out, Red Lovatt cock first time since Nov. 4, down in 4 hours; other 3 birds red grizzle, red hen, Blue cock, flew 11 hrs 2 min., no feed up, regular feed, 1 oz. per bird, kept in 4 days. (More in the next bulletin)

Many good wishes to all of you/ Nasser

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JULY 1972

FLYING REPORT: 3rd SPRING & 1st SUMMER SERIES

3rd SPRING - Once more Tony Sinko finished in first place making it three in the row winning the "Whole Thing", that is the entire Spring Series. This time Tony flew 11 hours and 54 minutes on a cool day with a 5 MPH wind. Bob Kennedy flew 6 hrs 56 mins. on a clear and warm day; Joe Prochilo 2-40; Don Zink 2-37. Stan Ogozalek was disqualified after flying 6 hrs 30 mins. for not being able to trap one bird within the hour. Joe & Mark Rounbehler disqualified after flying 3 hrs 47 mins, birds dripped and went up again, therefore not trapped within the hour. Bill Conboy also disqualified for bird going on split. On the Honor System Frank Hampson flew 7 hrs 42 mins on a rather warm day; Nasser flew 2 hrs 23 mins on a humid and warm day with no wind.

MAY 27-28

FLYER	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Tony Sinko	11 hrs 54 mins (Trophy & Diploma)	Earl Grollman
Bob Kennedy	6 hrs 56 mins	Bob Lucas
Joe Prochilo	2 hrs 40 mins	Tony Sinko
Don Zink	2 hrs 37 mins	E.J. Randall
Stanley Ogozalek	Disq.	M.J. Conticchio
Joe & Mark Rounbehler	Disq.	John Smith
Bill Conboy	Disq.	Clifford Heath
Svend Hansen	Disq. (No Report)	
HONOR SYSTEM		
Frank Hampson	7 hrs 42 mins (Trophy)	
Nasser Shirakbari	2 hrs 23 mins	

Again we have a report from Joe Kelley for a fine time of 12 hrs 40 mins. Joe will not be eligible for awards since he had not entered the Flies in either System. Joe is doing a fine job with his birds.

1st SUMMER - The Young Bird Series started with an impressive performance by most of the flyers. Apparently everyone is in the spirit for a big time. With better quality birds and harder and more dedicated training, this was to be expected. The best time was flown by Bob Kennedy on a clear and cool day, surpassing the 12 hour mark. Bob flew 12 hrs 11 mins. a very fine job by Bob. Clifford Heath came in second place with 8 hrs 15 mins-Bill Conboy, the Timer wrote: Birds flew beautiful in the wind and rain. When the skies cleared at 11:30, they went pin Hi, High for rest of fly. Joe & Mark Rounbehler flew 8 hrs 14 mins, his birds flew hard on a windy day. Don Zink flew 5-46 on a rainy morning and sunny afternoon. Svend Hansen flew 3 hrs 5 mins. However his time will not be accepted for having an ineligible Timer (Not FTA member). John Smith flew 2 hrs 15 mins, then disq. for birds landing out of bound. Also his report will not be accepted for having ineligible Timer (Not FTA member). Stan Ogozalek Disq. for birds splitting after one hour. On the Honor System Perc Hagan flew the 2nd best time of the fly with 11 hrs 34 mins on a cool day.

JUNE 10-11
1st SUMMER SERIES

<u>FLYER</u>	<u>TIME FLOWN</u>	<u>TIMER</u>
Bob Kennedy	12 hrs 11 mins (Trophy & Diploma)	Bob Lucas
Clifford Heath	8 hrs 15 mins (Diploma)	Bill Conboy
Joe & Mark Rounbehler	8 hrs 14 mins (Diploma)	E. Young & J. Smith
Don Zink	5 hrs 46 mins	Elmer Randall
Svend Hansen	3 hrs 5 mins (Not Accepted)	
John Smith	Disq. (Report Not Accepted)	
Stanley Ogozalek	Disq.	M.J. Conticchio
Tony Sinko, Joe Prochilo, Earl Grollman, Jack Ehli - Disq.(No Report)		

HONOR SYSTEM

Perc Hagan 11 hrs 34 mins (Trophy & Diploma)

Tony Sinko is ill and in the hospital, therefore, unable to fly. We wish him a speedy recovery and back in the flying game soon. A picture of Tony Sinko's birds are appearing in the next issue of the Pigeon-Review. If you do get this issue, please pass it around to your friends to see.

NEW MEMBER - We would like to Welcome Mr. Robert Rotschi to our Club.
Robert Rotschi - 84 Windsor Ave., Rockville Centere, N.Y. 11570

1973 FTA BANDS - We have ordered 6,000 1973 FTA bands, already paid and have the receipt and confirmation of our Order. Appx. 3000 of them are already sold. Please fill your order blank and send it in.

1973 GRAND NATIONAL SHOW - Next year's Grand National Show will be held in Houston, Texas, January 17-21. During the month of April our club received an invitation, also a questionnaire and an agreement that we fill out each year for our participation. So far I have not signed the agreement or filled out the questionnaire since I do not know who is going to be our judge and who all is planning to be there. Please let me know what are your plans on this, and let's decide on a judge.

"THE FLYING TIPPLER" - Written by Job O'Field is known to be the greatest work in Tippler literature. The book has not benn reprinted for many years and only a few are found throughout theWorld. Mrs. Doris Pensom has a copy of this book that she is willing to sell. We would like for this book go to one of our members. If interested, you may write her at: 8140 Quartz Ave. Canoga Park, Calif., 91306, U.S.A.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE (5/1/72).....	\$404.74
INCOME:	
Bands, Flying entry fees, Dues etc.....	\$236.60..... 641.34
EXPENSE:	
1973 Bands	\$180.00
Operating Cost.....	22.31 202.31 439.03
Bank Deposit	429.91
Petty Cash	9.12 439.03

FLYING TIPPLER REGISTRATION

All of those whom I have communicated with in this regard, have been in favor of some sort of registration of quality flying Tipplers. The time has come that we draw up some guide-lines in implementing this program. It will take some time, money and Material to do this; yet we can not have anything worth while for nothing. Some acceptable and effective system must be employed in order for registration to be effective. Also, the registration must be supported by our flyers for their own good, and the good of the Association and the sport. Merely registering three kit birds from a certain loft does not insure good quality for the remainder of the loft, nor does it insure that all birds bred out of a registered pair would be good flyers. But we all can agree that the probability of breeding good birds from good parents is far greater than breeding bad birds out of a good pair. So, we must draw the line at some place or another. Therefore, as suggested by Mr. Turton, a pedigree becomes necessary for the transfer of birds bred out of registered birds. In the years past, the FTA has pedigrees, but somehow along the line we lost them. For our purposes an ordinary 4 generation pedigree blank would suffice. We could make some 4 generation pedigrees with the FTA Bird on top similar to our old ones. This is my suggested procedure for registration. Please, if you have some helpful suggestion, let's hear it.

PROCEDURE:

1. Registrant will apply for application by writing to the registrar.
2. Application is to be filled and forwarded to the Secretary for verification of birds according to the Timer's Report Cards on file.
3. A fee of \$1.00 per bird is to accompany the completed application.
4. If application is approved, it is to be signed, dated, and forwarded to the registrar by the Secretary.
5. The registrar will enter the necessary information in the Registration book, sign and date same.
6. The registrant will receive a Certificate of Registration along with pedigree blank per registered bird.

The application and the Certificate are to be designed as follows:

FTA
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF FLYING TIPPLERS

DATE _____

NAME OF REGISTRANT _____

ADDRESS _____

NUMBER OF BIRDS TO BE REGISTERED _____

BIRD'S IDENTITY

BAND NO.	COLOR	STRAIN	DATE FLOWN	TIME FLOWN	SEX	PARENTS BAND NO.
						COCK HEN

1. _____

2. _____

3. (up to seven birds) _____

FTA

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

YEAR _____

This Certificate attests that _____ is duly qualified to register the following bird(s) and as such is entitled to display this certificate and enjoy all rights and privileges appertaining to such registration.

BAND NO.'s _____

SECRETARY _____

REGISTRAR _____

PRESIDENT _____

REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

1. Applicant must be a member of the FTA in good standing.
2. The Fly must have been accomplished in one of the FTA's scheduled Flies or in a Special Fly arranged and approved through the FTA's Central Timer and the Secretary.
3. The kit must have flown a minimum of eight (8) hours according to all FTA Flying Rules.

FURTHER REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

1. Birds bred out of two registered Flying Tipplers shall be qualified for registration. (Birds bred out of a registered bird and a non-registered one, shall not qualify for registration)
2. A pedigree shall accompany each registered bird in transfer to a party.
3. Pedigree blanks shall become available to a registrant at a cost of _____ (to be decided...10¢ etc.)
4. The blanks are to be used only in transfer of registered birds and no other birds.
5. Violation of Regulation No. 4 shall be punishable by loss of registration.
6. An inquirer for registered birds may obtain information and verification regarding any bird(s) in question by writing to the registrar and paying a fee of 25¢ per bird.
7. The above fee, less the operating expenses, are to be entered into the FTA's treasury.

Birds competing in the year 1972 are eligible for registration, meeting all requirements outlined above. Those flown in the past years will not be eligible, since I do not have the records to back it up.

NATIONAL TIPPLER UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN 1972 EASTER FLYING RESULTS

By E. Loach

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| 1. Jos. Davies, Swansea | 17 hrs. 2 min. |
| 2. D. Bellen, Swansea | 17 hrs. 1 min. |
| 3. R. Morgan, Swansea | 16 hrs. 52 min. |

SECTION WINNERS

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| South - P. Bartholomew, Bristol | 16 hrs. 25 min. |
| North - C. Hadwick, Sheffield | 16 hrs. 5 min. |
| Central - J. Boden, Birmingham | 16 hrs. 26 min. |
| Welsh - J. Thomas, Swansea | 16 hrs. 35 min. |
| Shield Winner - Brynhyfoyd, Swansea | 49 hrs. 15 min. |

JUNIOR MEMBERS RULES AND RESTRICTIONS COMMENT

By Jack Ehli, Oregon FTC Sec.

NOTE - Mr. Ehli is the Secretary of the Oregon Flying Tippler Club and the Representative of this Club in the FTA. I received the following letter from him requesting our consideration in favor of allowing the Junior members to act as Timers for Senior Members in the Official Competitions. Jack writes:

The opinion of our local club runs as follows: Since our FTA is in a position to accept Official Times from any two senior members, we feel that the FTA should accept times from a teen-age member that has been approved from the standpoint of his intelligence, by a local affiliated club which in fact, under these conditions all senior members are responsible for same. We are requesting your consideration in regard to this proposal. Jack Root and Steve Klein, in the past, have timed birds for us as Junior members, after being accepted by our senior members, as qualified individuals, intelligent enough to time birds, under our FTA Rules. I must tell you that these young fellows take considerable pride in having the opportunity to act as timers and have always done a splendid job. Both of these fellows have told me that they learn a great deal from the experience. They appreciate the fact that they were allowed to become involved with such a responsibility. One of our junior members, David Kirkland, we have told him that he could time birds for us. He is an intelligent young fellow and has been approved by our local senior members as qualified to time birds. Please let us know, in regard to your evaluation, regards this matter of allowing teen-age club members the responsibility of timing official Flvs.

PIGEON BREEDER'S DISEASE

By Robert B. Funk

Mr. Funk recently received the following letter from Dr. Caldwell, Chief Rheumatologist from the University of Florida, Gainesville, which reads as follows:

Dear Mr. Funk:

The Allergy Unit at the University of Florida, College of Medicine, is currently investigating Pigeon Breeder's Disease, a serious disorder which may effect the lungs of people who develop a highly unusual type of allergy or hypersensitivity to the pigeon droppings. We feel we have developed a blood test which will identify those persons who are particularly susceptible to this disease.

Pigeon Breeder's Disease can be treated and prevented. It is not contagious i.e., it is not an infection, and it does not spread from person to person. It is due to the presence of an abnormal protein in the blood of the patients, who work with these birds. Untreated, the disease leads to lung destruction and severe disability.

I would like the opportunity to address one of your meetings to inform your members of the nature of the disease, answer their questions about it, and obtain blood samples at the meeting to determine if any patients have this abnormal protein present.

Each person from whom we draw blood will be informed by private letter if he possesses this abnormal material in his blood. We will, of course, provide any follow-up services that any affected individual desires.

The letter was answered and taken care of by Mr. Funk.

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Smith, John R. - 8800 F. Torresdale Ave., Philadelphia, Penn. 19136
Suler, Joseph - % Bobby's Acres, Rt. 23, Newfoundland, N.J. 97435
Suler, Kenneth (JM) - Notch Rd., Oakridge, N. J. 07435
Tomsic, Wayne D. - 19312 Longbrook, Warrenville Hts., Ohio 44128
Townsand, Sylvester O. - 1117 Karlin St., Chester, Penn. 19013
Turton, I.M. - 32 Saturn Ave., Harborview, Kingston 17, Jamaica, West Indies
Wilson, George - 2116 South Ross St., Santa Ana, Calif. 92707
Young, Edwin G. - 209 Greenwood Ave., Wyncote, Penn. 19095
Zakarian, Sam R. - 1815 Reichert, Sauk Village, Ill. 60411
Zamoraki, Emal R. - 72 Swol St., Chicopee, Mass. 01013
Zamak, Steve (JM) - 9225 S. W. 68th St., Miami, Fla. 33143
Zamak, Don - 130 Lafayette Rd., North Babylon, L.I., N.Y.

FTA BULLETIN

AUGUST 1972

FLYING RESULTS: LONG DAY FLY & FURTURITY FLY

LONG DAY, JUNE 24-25 - It appears that the competition is getting tougher with every fly and second time in the row Bob Kennedy has come on top with some good Times. Yet Tony Sinko has not slowed down a bit and continues to be consistent every time releasing his birds. Bob Kennedy put his birds up at 6:00 A.M. in a rainy day, and the rain continued on and off for the rest of the day when the kit was dropped at 4:23 P.M. He chose to go with an Old Bird Kit. Tony flew a mixed kit of two 71's and one 72 bird, releasing them at 5:30 A.M. and dropping them at 3:33 PM, his birds flew high and wide in a beautiful style. Jack Ehli flew in an overcast with a wind of 5-15 MPH. He released at 6:00 A.M. and dropped at 3:20 P.M. - Bill Conboy disqualified for missing one bird. Ed Young could not fly due to the Penn. flood. His report card reads: "No fly due to heavy rains. Penn. enundated with water. I'm safe and dry due to high ground; I'm thankful." In the Honor System Joe Kelley and I disqualified and Perc Hagan pulled out 5-35. Joe's birds were released at 5:58 A.M., then one bird split at 1:40 P.M. and hit the wires at 1:53. The other two were dropped at 4:20 and 4:50 P.M. - My fly was a total bust. I released at 6:00 A.M.; at 6:35 a lost young bird returned and joined the kit. Disq. in this account. However I let the kit to go on. At 7:45 and intense wind and rain storm hit the kit which were recovered later.

LONG DAY, JUNE 24-25

<u>FLYER</u>	<u>TIME FLOWN</u>	<u>TIMER</u>
Bob Kennedy	10 hrs 23 mins (Trophy & Diploma)	Don Zink
Tony Sinko	10 hrs 03 mins (Diploma)	Earl Grollman
Ehli Loft	9 hrs 20 mins (Diploma)	Steve Klwin
Clifford Heath	4 hrs 04 mins	Bill Conboy
Joe & Mark Rounbehler	3 hrs 00 mins	Ed Young
Ed Young	Disq. (No Start)	
Bill Conboy	Disq. (Missing one bird)	Pat Organ
Svend Hansen, John Smith, Stanley Ogozalek, Earl Grollman-Disq. (No Report)	Joe Prochilo " "	
<u>HONOR SYSTEM</u>		
Perc Hagan	5 hrs 35 mins	
Joe Kelley	Disq. (Bird Split)	
Nasser Shirakbari	Disq. (Lost bird joined kit, and trapped)	

NEW WORLD RECORD

The World Record of 20 hours and 2 minutes set by Mr. Raymond Burrows of the Llansamlet Tippler Club on 20th June, 1971, is broken by Mr. Arthur Newton of Leicester with a Time of 20 hours and 7 minutes, on 1972 NTU's Long Day Fly. (See Mr. Loach's article)

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FURTURITY FLY, July 8-9

A total of 37 bands were registered for this fly. Joe & Mark Rounbehler had registered the NPA 72 AC 5-14; and Their Furturity kit was composed of NPA 72 AC 6,8,9. Joe and Mark won this event by flying 5 hrs and 37 mins. in a hot hazy and cloudy day. I have sent them a check in amount of \$18.50. In general the hot, humid and hazy weather played a bad part in this fly for most everyone. Tony Sinko flew under the same condition 4 hrs 30 mins. Bob Kennedy flew 4 hrs 15 mins in a clear and cool day. His kit had only one Furturity bird the ATU 72 206. Svend Hansen flew a 5-bird kit 3 hrs & 27 mins under the same poor weather condition. John Smith had registered 5 bands NPA 72 AC 200-204. He settled all five, trained them well and flew them in this day 8 hours and 53 minutes. Unfortunately he was disqualified for one bird dropping out of bound just as they were pulling for the 9th hour. A tough break for John, but much credit to him for his fine job. Also Clifford Heath flew a Furturity kit for 4 hours but disq. for two birds landing on telephone wires and not trapping within the hour. On the Honor System, Perc Hagan flew 4 hrs 35 mins in warm and humid weather and I flew 2-51 under the same condition.

FURTURITY FLY, July 8-9

FLYER	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Joe & Mark Rounbehler	5 hrs 37 mins (\$18.50)	John SMITH
Tony Sinko	4 hrs 30 mins	Svend Hansen
Bob Kennedy	4 hrs 15 mins	Bob Lucas
Svend Hansen	3 hrs 27 mins	Tony Sinko
John Smith	Disq. (One bird out of bound)	J. Rounbehler
Clifford Heath	Disq. (Birds not trapped)	
Bill Conboy, Jack Ehli, Joe Prochilo	Disq. (No Report)	
	HONOR SYSTEM	
Perc Hagan	4 hrs 35 mins	
Nasser Shirakbari	2 hrs 51 mins	

Well the Flying Season is over for a while now and we can all relax a little and start taking our vacations.

ED YOUNG VISITS BOB FUNK - During the Democratic Convention, Ed Young and Mrs. Young, who was Penn. Campaign Coordinator for Senator Hubert Humphrey were in Florida. Ed and Bob took advantage of this opportunity and got together for an afternoon of visit and Tippler-talk.

BOB FUNK'S ARTICLES BASED ON LOVATT MATERIAL - After the recovery of the Lovatt material which was originally intended for use in the Tippler Special, we now have a chance to accumulate them in to a couple of articles of much value and interest to all Tippler fanciers. This work is being done by Bob Funk who has completed one article and is working on another. The first article deals with Mr. Lovatt's Records and accomplishments, which is been forwarded to the APJ along with few photos. The second article deals with diet. This requires some first hand information from Mr. Lovatt himself. This is in the process now.

REGISTRATION - There has been further developments in pro & con on this subject. It will be brought to your attention in the next bulletin.

NATIONAL TIPPLER UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN
1972 Long Day Flying Results
by
E. Loach, Sec.

We now have a new World Record of 20 hours and 7 minutes flown by Mr. Arthur Newton who flies in the Thurmaston Club, Leicester. The birds were flying strong when he put the dropper out at 12.07 after midnight.; a grand fly. I never thought any one would be able to break the record on the flat with no uplifting wind to help the birds.

LONG DAY FLY RESULTS

A. Newton	20 hrs 07 mins	Leicester
T. Shields	19 hrs 30 mins	Walsall
G. Hughes	19 hrs 26 mins	Derby

SECTION WINNERS

SOUTH	J. Davies	19 hrs 04 mins	Bristol
NORTH	K. Brown	18 hrs 31 mins	Sheffield
CENTRAL	K. Wards & K. Everett	19 hrs 20 mins	Leicester
WELSH	C.G. Jones	19 hrs 05 mins	Swansea
Shield Team		55 hrs 02 mins	Birmingham

I have just had news that John Cullen is in the hospital after a car crash. I shall be writing him later today. He is a very nice chap. He is our ring Steward for Bristol.

Mr. John Cullen is a member of our club. We hope that he is not seriously injured and wish him a quick recovery and out of hospital soon.

CLYDE N. ROBERTS RECEIVED BIRDS - As you know it's been sometime since we have been trying to get brother Roberts re-started with Flying Tipplers. While I was at the National, Tony Sinko made the offer to send him some birds. The arrangement was made between the two and Tony generously sent 7 young birds to brother Roberts at no cost. In a recent note from brother Roberts he wrote: "Guess what? I am flying my Tipplers now". He is very pleased with them. Brother Roberts also recently visited Joe Kelley and had a great time watching his birds go for 10 hrs 30 mins. - He also received two pairs of Lovatts from Joe as a gift. Many thanks to both Tony and Joe for their generosity.

LOU WOLFE ILL IN HOSPITAL - Louis Wolfe, Secretary of the American Tippler Union, has been ill for sometime and in Hospital. Lou has been a friend of the FTA for many years and a dedicated Tipplerman, a credit to the sport. On behalf of the FTA Club we wish Lou a speedy recovery, and back to raising those beautiful black Tipps again.

CONGRATULATIONS
FROM THE FTA
TO MR. ARTHUR NEWTON
FOR HIS WORLD RECORD OF 20 HRS & 7 MINS.

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PTA BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 1972

The nature of my business has required me to relocate to a new town, Norcross, Ga., 200 miles South of my present home. I will be moving in the next few weeks. At this time we are in the transition of selling our home and buying a new one. After September 1, 1972, my address will be: 214 McKnight Dr., Norcross, Ga. 30071. I am confident the functions of our club as planned, however, in shorter form, sufficient to accomplish the job. I request your understanding in this matter until we are settled and able to get back into full swing.

We hope that the heavy molting and heat does not prevent the flyers from training a kit, as some are planning to start training after the Labor-Day. The Fall Series Schedule is as follows:

1. September 30, October 1
2. September 14, 15
3. October 28, 29

Since in this Series, Young and/or Old kits are flown, please remember to indicate the "TAG" on the band numbers. Also, more information on weather conditions and remarks as how the kit performed is appreciated. Your Central timer will be Mr. Harry S. Evans of 3033 Tolbert Rd., Hamilton, Ohio 45011. All reports must be on our Timer's Report Cards, complete, and sent to Harry as outlined in our Rules. Good luck to all of you.

NEW MEMBER - We would like to welcome Mr. Al Schrettenboer to the club. Al Schrettenboer - Rt. 1, Hamilton, Mich. 48949

REGISTRATION - It's been the general feeling of some of our Officers and members that the registration could by all probability open an avenue for abuse of the breed by Pigeon Peddlers who might get hold of a pair of so called registered birds, distributing the unproven youngsters under the false pretence of registered birds. The Pedigree in itself can not prevent such abuse as one of our officers put it "A pedigree is as good as the man who makes it". In addition the Delaware Club feels that the job is one that's burdensome with little chance of continuity in the great Perc Hagen was unable to continue. It is the general feeling of most of us that our DIPLOMA serves the same purpose with less complications and a clear cut proof of the performance of a kit. Under the circumstances, I am inclined in not taking any chances of further abuse of our breed and stick to our Diplomas as a proof of quality birds and good performance. Anyone interested in such birds, could always contact the Secretary for a listing of the Diploma holders or verification of such.

FRANK HANPSON'S TRIP TO ENGLAND - We received a post card from Mr. Hanpson saying: "Having a good time, have not seen any pigeons as yet. Going Wales next week. Might see some there" - It'll be interesting to know whom Mr. Hanpson did get to visit and tell us about it.

FRANK O'NEIL OF CANADA VISITED HARRY EVANS - Mr. Frank O'Neil and his wife Donna stopped at Harry Evans' home on August 20th for a short visit. They were enroute South for the holidays and hope to visit Perc Hagen while in South Carolina. Mr. O'Neil also visited Mr. R.R. Ball sometime also. Harry Evans Welcomes all Tipplers who may pass through Ohio, for a visit at his home.

FTA FLYING RECORDS - Upon the inquires of some members regarding the FTA Flying Records and its clarification, I have requested Mr. Robert Funk to do a complete research on the FTA's flies and provide us with a report to stand and decision in the future. To bring you up-to-date as to the FTA's flies, I have organized by Ervin Grube in 1936 and since then many good times have been enjoyed by some of its flyers such as William Hoffman, Charles Dvorak, M. Long, W. C. G. and many others. It was not until the recent years that the Official System of flying was about and up to then the Honor System was the only system utilized by the FTA, although some of the flyers did have qualified timers. We, the FTA, and the re-sent flyers will always honor our past flyers and in no way intend to deprecate the dead or dishonor our retired flyers. Rather through this research we hope to establish a two column flying Records for Official and Honor System, since some of the past flyers took place at the presence of another FTA member as Timer and can meet our present Official requirements. The matter of Records is one of great importance for our club to work out and we hope that Bob Funk can put together the necessary facts, figures and documents for us to look at and decide. It's a big job and we appreciate his efforts.

GRAND NATIONAL SHOW - Certain steps have been taken in this regard and as soon as we find out the result, you will be notified via the Bulletin.

CLASSIFIED AD

Due to my move and not having a lot of time, I can only manage to keep 3-4 pairs of breeders and a pair of Dr. M. The remainder must go before September 22nd. Birds available are Lovatis, Sinkos, Macco and 1/2 Race. Prices very reasonable. Would rather give away than kill them. Masser - 3905 Ridgeway Dr., Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Phone: 501-782-9452

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - This is the election year for our club. Please fill-in the following nomination ballot and return to me no later than September 18th. The October bulletin will present the nominees and the November bulletin will contain the ballots for election and voting on certain matters. Please cut at dotted line and mail to me at: Maser Shirkabari - 3905 Ridgeway Dr., Fort Smith, AR 72901

NOMINATION BALLOTS

PRESIDENT

EASTERN VICE-PRESIDENT

WESTERN VICE-PRESIDENT

SECRETARY-TREASURER

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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FTA BULLETIN

October 1972

We have moved to our new home now, but not settled completely. A small portion of my loft was transported and set up to keep the three pairs of birds I kept. With this arrangement I will be able to breed the 3 pairs in the bottom compartment and fly two small kits next year from the top compartments. A mini set-up suitable for competition flying. I would like to thank those of you who called or wrote and offered your help. My new address is:

216 McKNIGHT DR.
MONTICELLO, AR 71655

ELECTION NOMINEES FOR 1973-74 - I am pleased with the response from our members and the interest they have shown in the Club affairs. Quite a number of ballots were received, and consolidated in Alphabetical order by last names as follows:

PRESIDENT

Frank Catri
Jack Ehli
Robert Funk
Perc Hagan
Tony Sinko
Ed Young

EASTERN V.P.

Perc Hagan
Bob Kennedy
Bob Lucas
Joe Rounbehler
Ed Young

WESTERN V.P.

Jack Ehli
Joe Kelley

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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William Conboy
John Connell
Michey Conticchio
John Curley
Harry Evans
Bob Funk
Perc Hagan
Frank Hampson
Ed Hernandez
*William Hoffman

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John McCarroll
Pat Organ
Joe Rounbehler
Tony Sinko
John Smith
Eddie Smith
I.M. Turton
Ed Young
*Lou Wolfe
Don Zink

SEC.-TREAS.

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PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

John Curley
Perc Hagan
Stanley Ogozalek
Nasser Shirakbari

(PLEASE NOTE ASTRICHS)

- * William Hoffman - Retired, not available
- * Lou Wolfe - Ineligible (Not a member of the FTA)

The candidate names for the respective offices will be on the November ballot if I receive no withdrawl from a candidate. As usual, we will call upon the services of Mrs. Doris Weber, NPA's Secretary, for tabulation of the votes if she is available. Ballot and instructions will follow next month.

1973 BANDS - Our 1973 bands have been delivered to me all in good shape. I am pleased with their quality as compared with 1971's. Those had to be filed on the edges before use due to the sharpness of the edges.

I have received numerous requests for early release of bands. This being a flying Club, certain precautions must be made to assure the young birds flown in the Summer Series have actually been hatched after January of that year. Such question may come-up in the event of a record fly by a young bird kit. Taking into account the hatching on the 1st or 2nd of January,

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and requiring about 7 days to band the young birds, plus a couple of days as a safety factor, I will be able to start releasing the bands on the 10th of January. So, please coordinate your breeding program where you do not have to band any birds sooner than January 13th to 15th, giving it at least 3 days for the mail to reach you. RELEASE OF BANDS - JANUARY 10th

FINANCIAL REPORT - Our account at the City National Bank of Fort Smith was closed and a new account opened at the Union Bank & Trust Co. of Monticello, Arkansas, on Sept. 28, 1972. It is an organization account under the FTA's name with Robert Funk and myself as cosigners. Prior to the above date, a check was sent to Bob Kennedy in the amount of \$63.00 for the payment of the 1970 N.Y. trophies. This was the largest and the last debt retained by the FTA since then. Thank Heaven, our FTA is cleared from all debts now. After this payment, our deposit in the new Bank is \$376.85, plus petty cash of \$9.82, total book balance of \$386.67

NEW MEMBERS - We are pleased to have the following gentlemen in the FTA
Frank Nothaft - 1110 Jamaica Ave., Medford, L.I., N.Y. 11763
Ray Artibee - 1839 Broadland, Durate, Calif. 91010

APJ GROUP SUBSCRIPTION - This will require a minimum of 8 participants. The regular APJ rate is reduced from \$4.00 to \$2.00 per year per member. If you would want to participate in this, please send your fee to me during this month. Also, you may want to include your 1973 dues and band order at the same time.

BIRDS FOR SALE - Often I am asked by new members or prospects to refer them to someone for obtaining birds. I only know of a few members who may have some birds for sale. If you have some birds that you can spare and do not wish to advertise, you may list them with me for referral to inquirers. Please let me know the type or strain, general color, the cost range and some information regarding their performance if possible.

FRANK HAMPSON'S TRIP TO ENGLAND - Mr. Hampson reported "My trip to England as far as the pigeons were concerned was very disappointing. We hit Sheffield on the stormiest day they ever had." He sent me a copy of the Sheffield's newspaper "Morning Telegraph" dated July 24. This was the head-line: "Freak Storm Sparks Off Floods Chaos - Hundreds of homes were flooded, cars abandoned, roads closed and houses hit by lightning when a freak cloudburst hit the Sheffield area last night."

A WORD OF THANKS TO THE CENTRAL TIMER - This year we have received outstanding service from our Central Timer, Mr. Harry Evans. He has carried out this job efficiently. Tabulating the flies and getting the results to each flyer and myself right after the completion of each fly. Furnishing the flyers with Timer's Cards, and also sending me the entry fees. In all paper work and correspondence, he has used his own paper, envelopes, and stamps. Although I have offered several times to cover all costs, he has not accepted and feels this is his way of helping the club. We certainly appreciate his work, and hope we can secure his services again next year.

FALL SERIES FLYING RESULTS - The first fly took place on September 30th and October 1st. The next two are scheduled for October 14, 15th and October 28, 29. In the next bulletin we should be able to give you the results of the 1st and 2nd flies.

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FTA BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 1972

FLYING REPORT, 1ST FALL SERIES - We started the Fall Series with some good Times and good participation. Congratulations to our winners Bill Conboy and Tim Kvidera with Times of 9-26 and 7-05 respectively. Also we would like to congratulate two of our new members, David Bortell and Henry Bampffield in their first FTA Flying Competition and a fine Fly. I have kept up with David Bortell's training somewhat. I must tell you that he stuck to our basic training method letter by letter, culled any bird that couldn't take it, and trained a fine kit. Both of these gentlemen are promising Flyers.

Don Zink flew another good one with a disappointing result. He started at 6:40 A.M. and threw the droppers at 6:30 P.M., but could not get them in the hour. Ed Young flew 4-07 but could not trap in the hour also.

The weather condition was not too favorable. Although most every one had cool weather, most of the flyers had to contend with several hours of flying in the rain.

On the Honor System, Perc Hagan flew 11-15 but lost one bird. Also, his report was not on our Timer's Card which automatically disqualifies him. We are glad to see Tim Kvidera finished his Service to Uncle Sam and back home flying again. Also, Frank Catri made a nice showing with his highflyers. Congratulation to all you Flyers.

FLYERTIME FLOWNTIMER

Bill Conboy	9 hrs 26 mins (Trophy & Diploma)	Cliff Heath
David Bortell	8 hrs 05 mins (Diploma)	Doug Patterson
Tony Sinko	7 hrs 34 mins	Bob Coppola
Henry Bampffield	7 hrs 08 mins	Ed Young
Bob Kennedy	7 hrs 02 mins	Don Zink
Svend Hansen	2 hrs 51 mins	E. Grollman
Bob Coppola	2 hrs 41 mins	Tony Sinko
Don Zink	Disq.(Failed to drop kit in the hour)	E.J. Randall
Ed Young	Disq.(Birds not trapped in the hour)	Henry Bampffield
Clifford Heath	Disq (No Report)	
Joe Rounbehler	Disq (No Report)	
Joe Prochilo	Disq (No Report)	

HONOR SYSTEM

Tim Kvidera	7 hrs 05 mins (Trophy)
Frank Catri	6 hrs 08 mins
Perc Hagan	Disq (Missed one bird, Unofficial Report Card)

Here is the Timer's Work Sheet report on David Bortell's Fly:

6:30 - Start; Raining, 41 degrees, N.W. wind, gusting to 20 MPH.
 7:30 - Quit raining, birds flying high.
 8:30 - Birds still high, rain has started again.
 9:30 - Rain passed over. Sun coming out. Birds dropped lower
 10:30 - Birds still going strong, but lower
 11:30 - Wind dying, Temp. going up to 48 degrees, sunny day, Birds back up raking out of sight now.
 12:30 - Wind down to 5 MPH. Wonderful day. Birds raking away for 3/4 hrs.
 1:30 - Birds back in loft area, lower now
 1:48 - Tail spread on hen, wants dropper
 2:00 - Birds back up raking again
 2:30 - All birds lower over loft. All showing tail
 2:35 - Had to drop them
 3:15 - Trapped, Settled.

JUNIOR MEMBER AS TIMER - In the June Bulletin certain Rules and restrictions were brought to your attention in regard to Junior members. Rule No. 5 which states "A Junior member may NOT act as Timer for a Senior member in the Official System" was the major part that required further thoughts on our part. In the July bulletin, we presented Mr. Jack Ehli's view on the subject and his request to allow a teen-age member to act as a Timer. Here reference was made to the fact that these young fellows take pride in having this opportunity, and that they will learn a great deal from the experience. On the ballot you will find three options as "Yes", "No", and "Yes, if over 13 years of age". For clarification "Yes", means a Junior member may act as a Timer regardless of his age. "No", means he could not be a Timer whether 6 years of age or 17. "Yes, if over 13 years of age", means one who has reached the age of a Junior High student. This is the age bracket Mr. Ehli has requested to have the opportunity to act as Timer for a Senior member in the Official System.

1972 GRAND NATIONAL SHOW - Entry blanks are enclosed. Please note the deadline of Dec. 25, 1972. Also that the entry fees have been changed by the NPA to \$1.50 per bird. At this time I don't know who is planning to go to the National or who will be the Judge. Only have received a note from Perc Hagan saying "It is our plans for Phyllis and myself to attend the National in Texas". This year I will not be able to go due to the opening of a new business. I have contacted the Crescent Flying Tippler Club in New Orleans in reference to being host, which could attract others for a get together and fellowship such as the one we had last year at Atlantic City. They are giving the matter some thoughts, and I will let you know when I hear anything. In the meantime, those of you who have any plans for this, please let me know.

I have some order forms for advertising in the Marked Catalog of the Grand National Show. A few is being sent to each Clubs. Those individuals who would like to have one, drop me a line and I'll send you one. Last year our Club put in a 1/8 page ad for \$5.00, and we plan to do the same this year. There were few other Tippler ads in it also. This is a good way to put our sport before the Fancy.

ARTICLES - Two more articles have been completed by Bob Funk and submitted to the APJ for publication. The articles are very informative since it deals with Mr. W. Lovatt's Feed-Up. Bob Funk has worked many long nights in putting the pieces together from many years of notes made by Mr. Lovatt. We can look forward for these series in the near future.

1973 BANDS - Our 73 FTA bands are sold at 6¢ each. I appreciate it if you use your order blank in the MAY bulletin. This will help me to fill the orders in an orderly manner. If you do not have the order blank, simply send your check and let me know the number of bands you wish to receive.

APJ GROUP SUBSCRIPTION - This is done by our club as a service to our members. As a group, with a minimum number of 8 participants, we can purchase the 1/2 rate, paying \$2.00 instead of \$4.00 - If interested, send your order to me during this month.

NEW MEMBERS - Let's extend a warm Welcome to the following gentlemen as new members of the FTA Club:

Robert Prisco - 135 Cleveland Ave., Riverside, N.J. 08075

Richard Albin - 28 Sherman St., Patchogue, L.I., N.Y. 11772

Harry Hunt - 55 Astoria Ave., Toronto, Canada

Mr. Hunt has been sponsored by Stanley Ogozalek. WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU

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YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY & STATE _____

HOW WILL BIRDS ARRIVE AT SHOW? _____

SECRETARY'S USE ONLY

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SHIP BIRDS TO

GRAND NATIONAL PIGEON SHOW
 SHAMROCK HILTON HOTEL
 HOUSTON, TEXAS

JANUARY 17-21, 1973

Birds to arrive no later than 9:00 A.M., Jan. 18, 1973.
 Mail Entry To: National '73
 4106 Gramercy
 Houston, Tex. 77025

ENTRY FEE \$1.50 PER BIRD-ENTRIES CLOSE - MIDNIGHT DEC. 25, 1972
 No limit on birds per entry.
 Make checks payable to "National '73"

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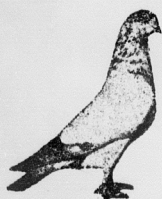
1. Failure to recognize any or all rules will exclude entry.
2. This show recognizes all seamless bands of a reputable banding organization. All birds entered must be seamless banded.
3. Reliable and competent judges have been selected and their decisions may be appealed only upon written request to the executive committee of the National Pigeon Assn., Inc., not later than twelve (12) hours after the disputed decision. All appeals must be accompanied by \$5.00 which is forfeited if the judge's decision is sustained.
4. The right is reserved to disqualify all unworthy specimens. Each specimen must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor and shown in its natural condition.
5. The show management will not be responsible for the loss of birds; however, the best of care will be given in every way. Clean feed and water will be supplied daily.
6. A marked catalog, giving complete listing of classes with correct band numbers, breeder's name and address and awards will be published after the show and sent free of charge to all exhibitors.
7. All birds will be singly cooped.
8. Substitution will only be permitted when made in the same class, color, age and sex as original entry.
9. Where display awards are made, the specialty club involved will provide its own rule for determining points scored.
10. The management reserves the right to reject unhealthy or diseased specimens received for exhibition. If sickness develops, the bird will be removed from the exhibition hall and at the discretion of the management may be destroyed.
11. Birds will be released after the banquet, Sat., Jan. 20, 1973. Not before. No birds will be allowed to be taken from the building without a release from signed by the Superintendent.
12. Prizes won at this Show will be paid by the Secretary of the Specialty Club, when such Club is sponsoring the Breed. Where no such official agreement exists between a Specialty Club and the Show Management, the Secretary of the National Show will pay the following open class money.

No. in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
135											
275											
375	.25										
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29	2.75	2.25	1.75	1.25	1.00	.75						
30	2.75	2.25	1.75	1.25	1.00	.75	.75					
31-40	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	1.25	1.00	.75					
41-50	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	1.25	1.00	.75	.50			
51-60	3.75	3.25	2.75	2.25	1.75	1.50	1.25	1.00	.75	.75		
61-70	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.75	1.50	1.25	1.00	.75	.75	
71-80	4.25	3.75	3.25	2.75	2.25	2.00	1.75	1.50	1.25	1.00	.75	.75
81-90	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.25	2.00	1.75	1.50	1.25	1.00	1.00
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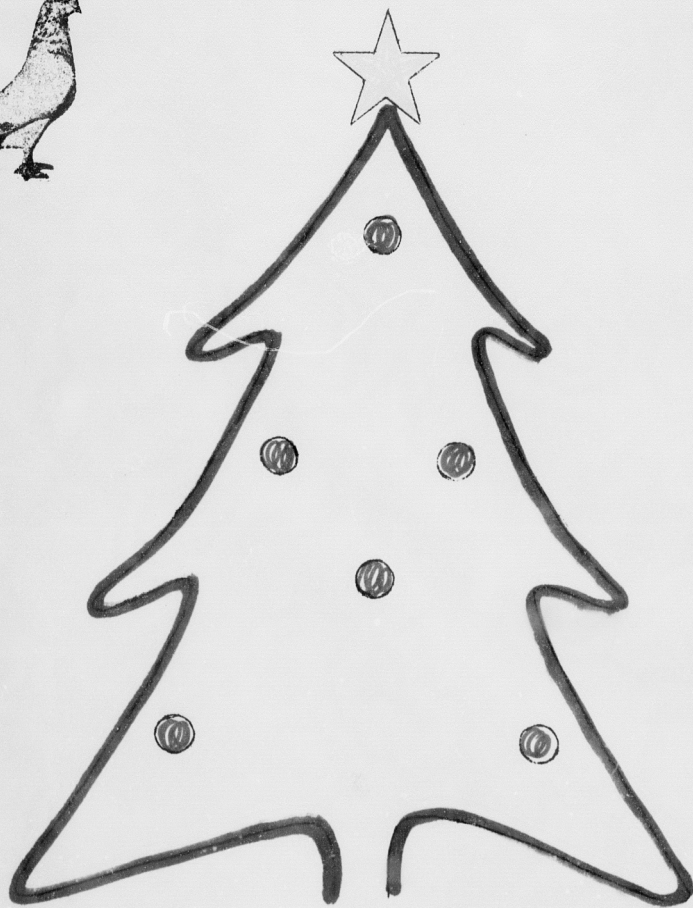
13. Birds of every class shall be placed for the entire class shown.
14. The Grand National Champion of each breed will be awarded one of the coveted GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CERTIFICATES.
15. Specialty club meets will establish their own classes. Where no such club is involved, classes will be provided for old cocks, old hens, young cocks and young hens and colors in accordance with Wendell M. Levi's book, "The Pigeon."
16. No birds will be allowed in the show room on which the entrance fee has not been paid.

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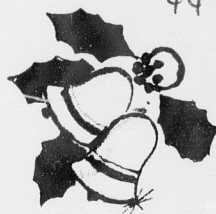
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AND A

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

from

THE DELAWARE VALLEY CLUB

FTA BULLETIN

DECEMBER 1972

Another year of Tippler activities has come to an end. Now it's a good time for us to take a good look at our birds and objectively evaluate their performance. That is the breeders for what they produced and the flyers for what they turned up in the air. Then we have plenty of time to plan and work out a strategy for next year.

The year 1972 has been a year of reorganizing and rebuilding for the FTA. On September of 1971 the score showed we were seven points behind, fourth down at the one yard line and goal to go with seconds on the clock. We had no choice but to go for it. In the front line, with the blocking of the old faithfuls and the help of strong back field club leaders, we were able to carry the ball in for a successful ending. Now, the club is the strongest in her history and we can enjoy watching her move ahead in the coming years.

Other than the domestic problems such as the finances, we were most concerned about the flying aspect of our club. Much to our satisfaction, they both improved considerably; breaking the 12 hour barrier, and flying times of double figures repeatedly by numerous members.

Many thanks to all of you members who put your faith in us and supported the club, so it had a successful year, 1972.

FLYING RESULTS

Oct. 14, 15

Joe and Mark Rounbehler came through with a fine time of 11 hours and 7 minutes flying a five bird kit of young birds in the presence of Earl Grollman, Tony Sinko and John R. Smith. Congratulations to Joe and Mark. The runner-up was Bill Conboy with 10 hrs & 14 mins, flying on a very windy day, a hard fly. Same was true for our fine novice Henry Bampffield who flew 9 hrs 40 mins in a 20 MPH, reported by Tony Sinko. Earl Grollman had gone 11 hrs 3 mins in a gusting wind, when the birds pitched out of bound and disqualified. David Bortell started at 7 A.M., at 2 P.M. the kit split, two dropped and one went on to disqualify him. Good showing by everyone.

FLYERTIME FLOWNTIMER

Joe & Mark Rounbehler	11 hrs 7 mins (Trophy & Diploma)	E. Grollman, T. Sinko, J.R. Smith
Bill Conboy	10 hrs 14 mins (Diploma)	Clifford Heath
Henry Bampffield	9 hrs 40 mins (Diploma)	Tony Sinko
Tony Sinko	7 hrs 38 mins	H. Bampffield
Ed Young	disq - Birds not trapped	
David Bortell	disq - Split, missed one bird	
Earl Grollman	disq - Birds dropped out of bound	
Bob Kennedy	disq - No start	
Svend Hansen	disq - Sent late report(flew 6-52)	
Bob Coppola	disq - No report	

HONOR SYSTEM

Tim Kvidera	4 hrs 50 mins
Frank Catri	disq - birds shaken up by migrating hawks, staying out of sight over the first 2½ hour limit.
Perc Hagan	disq - No report

FLYING RESULTS

Oct. 28, 29

Joe and Mark Rounbehler won this one again with 10 hrs. and 11 minutes. This time using three of the five young birds from the last fly. The weather was hazy, cloudy, and rainy; Sinko, Timer. Bob Kennedy flew 9 hrs 17 mins. in fog and rainy condition, Timer Bob Lucas. Don Zinc had gone 9 hrs 24 mins when one bird dropped and others flew over the hour limit. Sinko's kit was washed down by heavy rain after a 2 hour 33 mins struggle, and loosing one bird. On the Honor System, Frank Catri did well, flying 8 hrs 15 mins under cloudy and light rain. Over all weather condition, cloudy and rain. Job well done by everyone under the poor flying conditions.

<u>FLYER</u>	<u>TIME FLOWN</u>	<u>TIMER</u>
Joe & Mark Rounbehler	10 hrs 11 mins (Trophy & Diploma)	Tony Sinko
Bob Kennedy	9 hrs 17 mins	Bob Lucas
David Bortell	7 hrs 20 mins	Doug Patterson
Henry Bampfied	5 hrs 19 mins	John Smith
Robert Coppola	4 hrs 05 mins	Svend Hansen
Bill Conboy	3 hrs 23 mins	Clifford Heath
Tony Sinko	disq - lost one bird	
Don Zinc	disq - Missed 2 birds	
Svend Hansen	disq - No report	

HONOR SYSTEM

Frank Catri	8 hrs 15 mins (Trophy & Diploma)
Perc Hagan	disq - No report

Central Timer, Harry Evans at the bottom of his last report of this year to the flyers wrote: "And now we start to think about next year and how we can produce the winning kit. Congratulations to the winners. To those who did not get to open the Champagne to celebrate the victory, just remember that another year will only make the wine more sweet. To each and every flyer, thanks for your fine cooperation and sincere best wishes for success next year."

Well said, and thank you Harry for the fine job as Central Timer.

FLYING AWARDS - Since I leave in a town that has no trophy shops and since I work 6 days a week, it was impossible for me to travel to another town to purchase trophies. While at Ft. Smith, I mailed 2 trophies to Frank Hampson and both got there in bad condition. Therefore, I chose to mail checks for the purchase of trophies instead.

All winners who had flown under 10 hours, received \$10.00. Those who had flown over 10 hours, received \$10.00 as a base, plus \$3.00 for every hour over 10 or 5¢ per minute over 10. This offered the flyers some luxurious trophies for good times of over 10 hours.

I'll send out the Diplomas as soon as I can get them ready. The next page will present the 1972 flying award winners.

I would like to thank Perc Hagan for donating his trophy to the club to be passed on to a worthy flyer next year.

ELECTION RESULTS - The closing date for ballots was Nov. 30th. The results will be furnished to us by Mrs. Doris Weber sometime this month, and the new officer's names will be announced in the next bulletin.

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1972 FLYING AWARD WINNERS

April 29, 30

Tony Sinko	12 hrs 39 mins	Trophy & Diploma
Bill Conboy	11 hrs 03 mins	Diploma
Frank Hampson	7 hrs 50 mins	Trophy & Diploma

MAY 13, 14

Tony Sinko	7 hrs 22 mins	Trophy
Nasser Shirakbari	6 hrs 31 mins	Trophy

MAY 27, 28

Tony Sinko	11 hrs 54 mins	Trophy & Diploma
Frank Hampson	7 hrs 42 mins	Trophy

June 10, 11

Bob Kennedy	12 hrs 11 mins	Trophy & Diploma
Clifford Heath	8 hrs 15 mins	Diploma
Joe & Mark Rounbehler	8 hrs 14 mins	Diploma
Perc Hagan	11 hrs 34 mins	Trophy & Diploma

JUNE 24, 25

Bob Kennedy	10 hrs 23 mins	Trophy & Diploma
Tony Sinko	10 hrs 03 mins	Diploma
Ehli Loft	9 hrs 20 mins	Diploma

JULY 8, 9

Joe & Mark Rounbehler	5 hrs 37 mins	(FURTURITY)	\$18.50
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SEPT. 30, Oct. 1

Bill Conboy	9 hrs 26 mins	Trophy & Diploma
David Bortell	8 hrs 05 mins	Diploma
Tim Kvidera	7 hrs 05 mins	Trophy

Oct. 14, 15

Joe & Mark Rounbehler	11 hrs 07 mins	Trophy & Diploma
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Oct. 28, 29

Joe & Mark Rounbehler	10 hrs 11 mins	Trophy & Diploma
Frank Catri	8 hrs 15 mins	Trophy & Diploma

COMPETITION-FLYING TIPPLERS

**HAVE WON COMPETITIONS IN SCHEDULED OFFICIAL FLYING SERIES-
FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA AND DELAWARE VALLEY
REGION FLYING TIPPLER CLUB**

**WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO SUPPLY FANCIERS WITH STOCK BIRDS
OR YOUNGSTERS AT REASONABLE PRICES**

**BIRDS GUARANTEED FROM PROVEN STOCK OR DIPLOMA
WINNERS -6-8-10-12 HOURS DUPLICATE COPY OF DIPLOMA
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ORDERS FOR YOUNGSTERS BOOKED EVERY YEAR - BOOK EARLY

**ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES TO: EDWIN G. YOUNG SEC. DELAWARE
VALLEY REGION 209 GREENWOOD AVE. WYNCOTE, PA. 19095**

GRAND NATIONAL - We received a letter from Mr. Ralph R. Verges, Sec. of the Crescent Club in New Orleans, Stating " we were greatly honored by your request to host the National Show this year...Because of the distance and expense involved in attending the show in Houston, we regret to inform you that our club will be unable to host the National Show this year.... In future years, if the occasion should present itself again and we can at this time be of any assistance to the FTA, we hope you will not hesitate to call upon our services.

Also Perc Hagan has changed plans, therefore we will not have a FTA judge and will have to depend on a NPA judge for those who are showing.

UNPLEASANT NEWS - A strong wind storm turned over John McCarroll's Tippler loft killing couple of Tips and demolished his finch and Canary aviary. We wish John a quick recovery from the damages.

Also, Ed Young, Delaware Club Secretary reported that Tony Sinko's home burned down and Tony is looking for another home and location for his loft. No one was home at the time of the fire. Tony has been through a lot in the past few years. Our thoughts are with him and his family in this time of trouble.

BANDS - Please order your bands now so I can work on them and get them ready for mailing as time allows. Those orders received to-date have been filled and are ready to go.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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FLUING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

1973-74

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Robert B. Funk
EASTERN V.P.	Robert Kennedy
WESTERN V.P.	Jack Ehli
SEC.-TREAS.	Nasser Shirakbari
PUB.-DIR.	Nasser Shirakbari

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Frank Catri
Tony Sinko
Mickey Conticchio
Edwin Young
Harry Evans

FTA BULLETIN

JANUARY 1973

We are happy to have you as a part of the Flying Tippler Sport. We appreciate your support of the FTA in the past. As we enter a new year, we would like to extend an invitation to you to team-up with us once again and share with us the pleasures of the sport in this new year.

Your membership expires: February, 1973

FTA BULLETIN

JANUARY 1973

ELECTION RESULTS - The following results are reported by Mrs. Doris Weber, NPA Secretary, on Dec. 11, 1972. The ballots are available for recount if requested by anyone.

PRESIDENT

- 17 Robert B. Funk
- 15 Perc Hagan
- 7 Ed Young
- 5 Tony Sinko
- 2 Jack Ehli

EASTERN V.P.

- 21 Bob Kennedy
- 12 Perc Hagan
- 6 Bob Lucas
- 6 Ed Young

SECRETARY-TREASURER

- 43 Nasser Shirakbari

WESTERN V.P.

- 30 Jack Ehli
- 15 Joe Kelley

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

- 28 Nasser Shirakbari
- 9 John Curley
- 8 Perc Hagan

JUNIOR MEMBERS AS TIMER

- 26 for #3
- 14 for #2
- 5 for #1

DIRECTORS

- 18 Frank Catri
- 16 Tony Sinko
- 15 Mickey Conticchio
- 15 Ed Young
- 15 Harry Evans
- 14 Ed Hernandez
- 14 Bob Lucas
- 12 Perc Hagan
- 11 Ed Borchers
- 11 Bob Funk
- 10 William Conboy

- 9 John Curley
- 9 Joe Rounbehler
- 8 E.R. Ball
- 8 Pat Organ
- 8 I.M. Turton
- 8 Don Zink
- 6 John Smith
- 5 Frank Hampson
- 4 Eddie Smith
- 4 John Connell
- 3 John McCarroll

OUTSTANDING MEMBER

- 17 Nasser Shirakbari
- 3 Tony Sinko
- 3 Bill Conboy
- 2 Frank Catri
- 2 Ed Young
- 2 Harry Evans
- 2 Perc Hagan
- 2 Bob Kennedy

- 2 Robert Funk
- 1 Pat Organ
- 1 Joseph Suler
- 1 Don Zink
- 1 Joe Kelley
- 1 Jack Ehli
- 1 Joe Rounbehler

Those with the most vote are the 1973-74 FTA officers. Those in second place will replace any officer who may resign or retire. The top five under the Directors will fill-in that position. A Junior member who has reached the age of 13 will be eligible to act as Timer. The Outstanding Member award goes to Nasser Shirakbari.

I am sad to announce the death of two of the FTA members. Mr. Erwin C. Grube of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin died on December 13, 1972. He organized the FTA club in 1938, served as Secretary and in other capacities for a number of years. He wrote numerous articles on training and other aspects of the sport. Erv. was the first one who tried to establish a FTA record. On a pre-arranged schedule, Sept. 17, 1939, the contest was held between Erv. and Virgil Schiavone of New York. Virgil won the contest flying 12 hours 35 minutes.

Erv. on Sept. 1, 1940, flew 12 hrs 16 mins, Timer, A.E. Stray. He was fond of drawing Flying Tipplers. After the publication of the Tippler Special he sent me a note and a hand drawing of a Flying Tippler. The drawing is in such detail that I could not transfer it onto a stencil for use in a bulletin. In his note he wrote: "...A dream has been realized. The FTA has reached the top. I still have the Elgin watch I won on the 2nd Fly, Timed by Dr. Ed Dean of Sheboygan, Wis. and a friend of his. Time has flown and I am retired. Some time I will again fly birds because I do have the time."

Erv. was looking for the Nelson Balmer Strain that he flew then. After a hard search, we located decedents of his strain. He was happy and wrote me about them. I am sorry that he didn't get to get them off the ground.

Mr. William G. Hoffman of North Linthicum Md., passed away on November 15, 1972, at the age of 58. He served as FTA President for a period of 14 years, then Publicity Director for a number of years. He was a master writer of Tippler Literature. Two of my favorites written by him are "The Types And Strains In Flying Tipplers", and the artistic work "Flying Tipplers As A Hobby". And Others such as "A Comparison Of Tippler And Homer" as well as "Flying Tippler Association News" in the APJ for some period. He was also a great flyer, noted for his consistency. On May 20, 1956, he flew a Young Bird kit of 5 for 13 hours and 12 minutes. Then on June 9, 1957, he flew a Young Birds kit of 3 for 13 hours and 58 minutes. He later retired from Tippler activities.

We missed these two friends during their retirements, and we miss them now that they are gone. We express our deepest sympathy to their families and friends.

FINANCIAL REPORT - With all bills paid including the 1972 Flying Trophies, our book balance stands at \$302.92. This includes some of the 1973 dues and bands purchased.

BANDS - Bands from 100 through 3651 has been assigned and sold. They will be released or mailed on January 10th. Numbers 1-100 has been reserved for Furturity Competition. Furturity bands 1-6 has been sold. Regular bands are sold at 6¢ each. The Furturity bands are sold to the official competition flyers at \$1.00 each.

SINKO, NATIONAL CHAMPION - Tony Sinko of Clementon, N.J. has been recognized as the 1972 FTA National Champion. He will be receiving the National Flying Championship Trophy at a meeting of the DVRFTC, and the trophy will be presented to him by Joe Rounbehler, President and Ed Young The club's Secretary. Tony will also receive the Ed Borchers trophy.

CHECKS - Please make all your checks payable to the FTA and not in my name.

On behalf of the FTA, wishing all of you a happy and successful 1973.

Nasser

DELAWARE VALLEY REGION



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FLYING RESULTS 1972 SPRING SERIES

APRIL 29,30
Sowinski, Frank 5 -51
Sinko, Tiny 12 -39 DIPLOMA - TROPHY
Rounbehler, Joe&Mark 6 -28 DIPLOMA

MAY 3,14
Prochilo, Joe 5 -10
Rounbehler, Joe&Mark 3 -14
Sinko, Tony 7 -22 DIPLOMA - TROPHY

MAY 27,28
Smith, John 5 -57 disq.
Rounbehler, Joe&Mark 3 -47 disq.
Sinko, Tony 11 -54 DIPLOMA - TROPHY
Prochilo, Joe 2 -40

SUMMER SERIES

JUNE 10,11
Czop, Henry -23 disq.
Grollman, Earl -23 disq.
Hansen, Svend 1-03 disq.
Rounbehler, Joe&Mark 3-05
Smith, John 8-14 DIPLOMA - TROPHY
Young, Ed 2-15 disq.
3-41

JUNE 24,25
Rounbehler, Joe&Mark 3-0
Sinko, Tony 10-03 DIPLOMA - TROPHY

JULY 03,09
Hansen, Svend 3-27
Rounbehler, Joe&Mark 5-37
Smith, John 8-58 disq.
Sinko, Tony 4-30

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FALL SERIES

September 30, October 01

Hansen, Svend	2-51
Sinko, Tony	7-34 DIPLOMA
Smith, John	4-03 disq.
Young, Ed	4-07 disq.
Bampffield, Henry	7-03 DIPLOMA
Coppola, Bob	2-41 disq.
Grollman, Earl	9-55 DIPLOMA - TROPHY
Rounbehler, Joe & Mark	11-30 disq.

OCTOBER 14, 15

Bampffield, Henry	9-40 DIPLOMA
Grollman, Earl	11-03 disq.
Smith, John	6-43 DIPLOMA
Young, Ed	1-0 disq.
Hansen, Svend	6-52 DIPLOMA
Sinko, Tony	7-38 DIPLOMA
Rounbehler, Joe & Mark	11-07 DIPLOMA - TROPHY

OCTOBER 28, 29

Coppola, Bob	4-05
Hansen, Svend	1-15
Bampffield, Henry	5-19
Rounbehler, Joe & Mark	10-11 DIPLOMA - TROPHY
Smith, John	2-20
Sinko, Tony	2-33 disq.

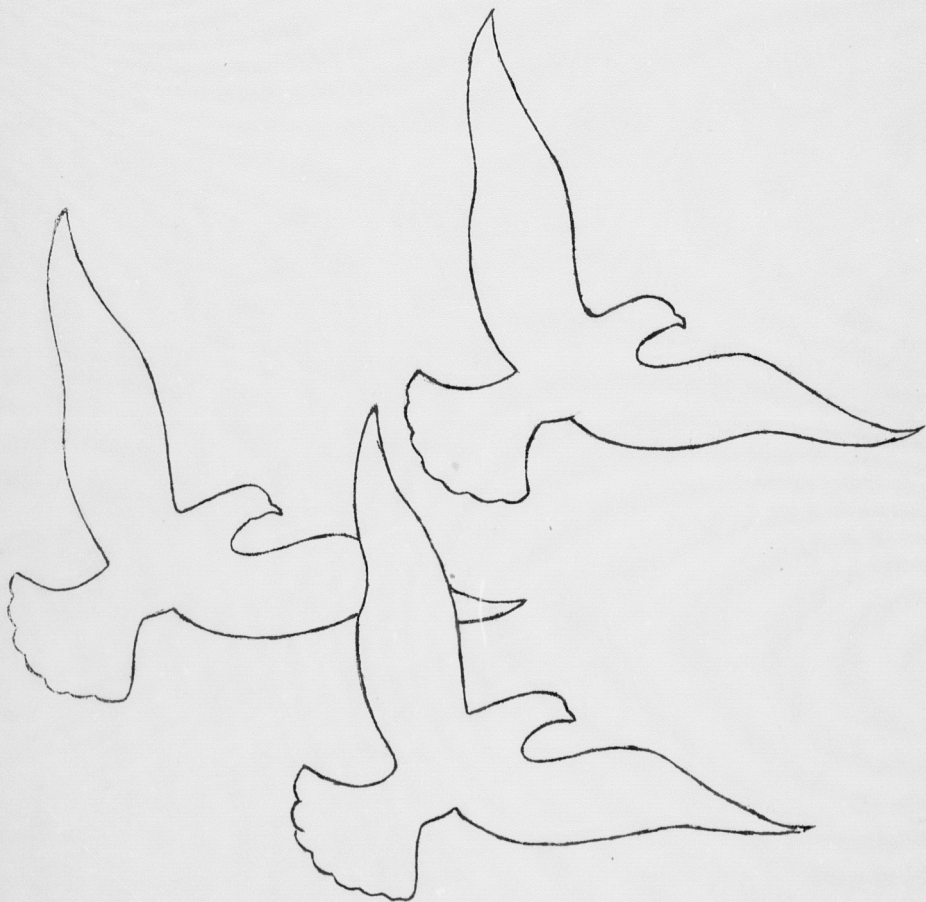
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Sinko, Tony	61-47	61-47
Rounbehler, Joe & Mark		47-51
Bampffield, Henry		22-07
Hansen, Svend		17-30
Grollman, Earl		9-55
Smith, John		9-08
Prochilo, Joe		7-50
Sowinski, Frank		5-51
Coppola, Bob		4-05
Young, Ed		3-41

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FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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IN AMERICA



FTA BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 1973

COVER - A kit of Flying Tiplers; drawing by Jack Ehli, Portland, Oregon.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - Several members have not renewed their membership that was due in January. Those members will find a check mark as a reminder on their bulletins by this section. This is the last bulletin to unpaid members.

BREEDING SEASON - With the commencement of the breeding season, many are getting ready or already have paired up their birds. Other than breeding, we can expect little activities of any sort, therefore little news of same. We hope to take advantage of this opportunity and present some useful articles on breeding, care of youngsters, and hopefully continue it with some training; all from the book "THE TIPPLER", written by Job Ofield.

SERVICE WORKER - We received a letter from Robert W. Krenz who works with families of reported child abuse. He asked for our help with birds in his program. This is a part of his letter: "... I have just began experiencing the realm of the Tippler although I have mainly been involved in raising Rollers. I work for the county as a children Service Worker. We work with the families of reported child abuse or neglect. The problem in functioning with families of economical stress and helping them resolve difficulties is alleviated, in part, by watching the birds in all their phases. I enjoy being of use to people and have used some of my birds to help work on teenage problems. Giving good birds (instead of junk) helped solve boredom and develop pride in two situations which I worked with.

I would like to help get birds to more people who can appreciate them, but I don't have the funds for fine stock.

P.S. - I would be willing to trade some stock; I got my Rollers from Henry Vargus who won competitive flights in Los Angeles..."

I see no better way in promoting our sport and Tiplers but to promote them to help children who have been abused and neglected by their families. If you are interested in helping, you may write me or Mr. Krenz directly. His address: Robert W. Krenz, 1865 Hanscom Dr., So. Pasadena, Calif. 91030

NTU - Recently I requested Mr. E. Loach, NTU Secretary to provide me with a copy of the NTU Flying Rules & Constitution and By Laws. Received same, with answers to my questions along with their 1973 Flying Schedule. I have not had the chance to study their Fly Rules thoroughly; an initial scanning reveals their Rules are simpler, shorter, and more specific as compared with ours, but basically similar. This is their Flying Schedule:

SUNDAY	April 1st	Old Birds	Liberation	6-15 a.m.
"	April 22nd	"	"	5-30 a.m.
"	May 20th	"	"	4-30 a.m.
"	June 17th	"	"	4-00 a.m.
"	July 1st	Young Birds	"	4-30 a.m.
"	August 5th	"	"	5-15 a.m.
"	August 26th	"	"	6-00 a.m.

As you note, they have 7 Scheduled Flys. Four with old birds and 3 with young birds. all taking place on same day, Sunday, at a designated liberation time.

Our Flying Schedule will be released in the next bulletin.

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BANDS - Band numbers from 100 to 3918 has been sold, and released on schedule. This leaves us with little over 2000 bands for the remainder of members who have not ordered yet, and for those who need bands during the year. The Furturity bands 1 through 29 has been sold. We can expect a good turn out on this event.

1973 GRAND NATIONAL SHOW - I have not received results from the NPA. At this time I do not know of anyone in our club who might have shown his birds. Will let you know when I find out something.

OFFICER'S SECTION - Have received answers from Bob Funk, Frank Catri, and Bob Kennedy regarding our discussion of Local Club matters; all seemingly favorable with some suggestions. I request the remainder of the Officers get their answers in, since the Crescent Club is awaiting our answer. There are several matters that we need to get squared away before the Flying Season starts. Please let's get on the ball.

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Wishing all of you a happy and successful breeding season.

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BREEDING

By: Job Ofield

INTRODUCTION: The following is taken from the book "THE FLYING TIPPLER", written by Mr. Job Ofield in 1932. In the book, this portion is not placed under the heading "Breeding", rather it is the part dealing with breeding, care and handling of youngsters. The training shall be continued in future bulletins.

"Having now obtained three cocks and three hens, we have to mate them. In the ordinary way this is not a very difficult proposition. Place a cock in a wire cage, then place a hen in the next compartment. A two-compartment show pen is the best arrangement and is also useful later on for training birds for the show bench. The cock, on seeing the hen, will blow himself out and vigorously sweep round and round to her, cooing loudly. On the hen's part, if she receives his advances she will sweep towards him with a gentle coo. Always remember that it is always the hen that does the selecting in the partnership. If she will have nothing to do with the male bird you can not force her, but will have to get another mate. Sometimes, if you place her in a box, right away from the noise of the other birds for three or four days, it will make her come to the mate of your choice-but I have known that to fail. I once had a good hen which I sadly wanted to mate to a special cock, but she would have nothing to do with him whatever. I tried all manner of means and devices, but to no avail. I left them in show pens next to each other for a week, but she only pecked at him whenever he approached her side of the pen. One day I had a cock bird come home from a show-a bird which she had never seen before in her life. I put him in the pen and took my previous choice out. The hen immediately swept towards the new cock, and in fewer minutes than I had been trying days, she was paired-up.

The food at this stage should consist of wheat 2 parts, maple peas 1 part, kibbled maize $\frac{1}{2}$ part, dari 1 part, tares 1 part. This should be well mixed and given morning and evening. Do not leave food lying about on the floor of the loft, as this quickly becomes foul, and seriously affects the health of the stock.

Grit of the 'Health' variety should be well supplied, and the water fountain all day long. Baths should be provided, and green food, such as lettuce and grass, is much appreciated.

Earthenware pans make the best nesting places. these should be half-filled with pine sawdust and some loose bits of straw scattered about the loft floor. The birds will then complete the making of their nests themselves. Some birds are idle and will not carry any straw to the pens. These should have some placed therein. Others get too industrious and will fill their pans to overflowing, with the possibility of the eggs or squabs rolling out. In this case, some of the material should be taken away. Use a little common sense and all will be well.

Birds should be paired-up about the second week in February(a little later more preferable than earlier). Also it is very important that each hen should lay its first egg on the same day, or as near to each other as possible. Thus, when the squabs are hatched out after seventeen days, they will all be of one age, and so can all be put on the wing together.

There is nothing more annoying to the flying man than to have odd pairs of squeakers knocking about the loft. They are a nuisance to the old birds, if left with them, and if placed with young birds which are going out, they are a draw-back to these, as they want to sit on the loft top when other young Tipplers are on the wing.

When the old birds have been together about ten days, the hen will lay

her first egg. An old fancier will know this event is about to happen, as her mate gives her a peace - following her wherever she goes, and giving her gentle pecks. Thus what fanciers call 'driving to nest.' The first egg is generally laid about 4 p.m. Some fanciers remove this, replacing the same with a pot egg, until the second egg is laid, which is two days later. There is no need to remove the first egg, as the bird does not sit on it, but only stands over it until the next egg comes along.

The birds will sit for a period of seventeen days - the hen at night-time, and the cock relieving her at 10 a.m. until about 5 p.m. Give baths frequently to the birds while they are sitting, particularly the cock birds, and especially when the eggs are due to hatch out. If the cocks are given a bath before their turn comes to sit on the eggs, they will take over their duties with a wet plumage, which is ideal for incubation. Otherwise, if the birds have never had a bath, the nest becomes dry and parched, and you may have to moisten the eggs to help incubation.

Do not interfere with the eggs on perceiving them chipped - especially if you are inexperienced - for if you begin to chip the shell away and start a bleeding under the membrane, the chances are that you will lose the squab. It has often been remarked that one squab in a nest does so much better than than two. This is a matter of opinion. One squab may mature quicker than the double, but eventually the doubles catch up the single, and I have heard opinion that they are better birds because of their steady growth. I have heard it said that single make larger birds, but I have failed to prove this. I have had single birds and have paired them to single birds. These I have let rear singles, but I have never bred anything outstanding, just ordinary Tipplers.

Some of our best long-time fliers are decidedly on the small side. If size is to be aimed at, one must banish flying from one's object. Not that large birds will not fly, all Tipplers should do so, but if you have a bird with a large body, there must be a wing spread of equal proportions. This is often missing in larger birds, thus the flying properties are reduced. On the other hand, small birds can and do have over-sized wings. Thus the propelling agent is more than sufficient for their light bodies, and you develop the flier.

To produce large birds, try the following, and the results will surprise you.

If you have five pairs for breeding, and each with two squabs, take one out of each for flying purposes, and put the other five in a cote with only a wire run. When the fliers have finished the squeaker period, you have to put them through vigorous training. By this method their growth is somewhat restricted, and while not being so powerful, tends to develop the fatty parts into all muscle. The other five in close confinement, give them all the corn and water they can consume two or three times a day. They will soon out-grow the fliers, and very quickly start to moult. If they are early bred, they will in all probability moult again before Christmas. This does not happen to those 'on the wing' as continual flying retards moulting. Now the next season, pair your non-fliers together, keep their young in close confinement, and you will have your birds big enough for any show judge.

Care must be taken that when putting young birds into training, their condition is not reduced too far, or the bird or birds will 'go light'. Too many birds put on starvation rations, have been hopelessly lost by this method.

Keep a chart similar to illustration for the registration of the youngsters. (See next page for illustration). The above numbers are for the young, and can easily be arranged. Supposing as per diagram there are six pairs of breeding birds, and the fancier decides to take four youngsters from each,

BREEDING CHART-1931

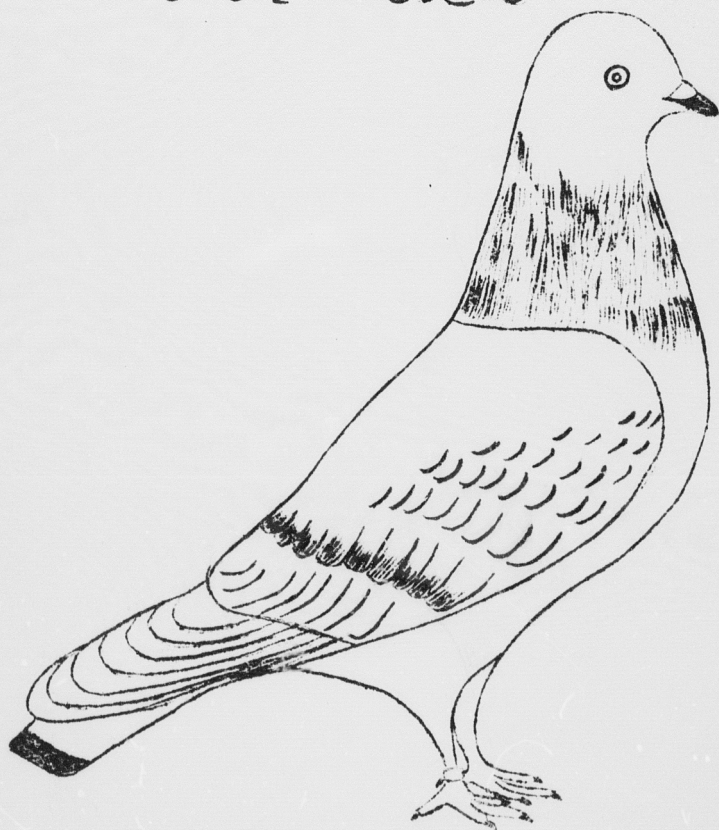
Cock	Hing No.	Hing Year	Youngsters Bred	1931	No.
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	L Print	1926	1930	1602	
	L Print	1926	1930	1601	
	L Print	1926	1930	1618	
Silver	L Print	1926	1930	1617	etc. etc.
	L Print	1926	1930	1616	
	L Print	1926	1930	1615	
	L Print	1926	1930	1614	

It would entail the purchasing of 24 rings. These could be allotted as per sketch - the first four to No. 1 pair, the second four to No. 2 pair, and so on. This chart could be made out on a piece of cardboard and hung in the loft, and be repeated each year, hence, if these cards are kept they can be referred to on any occasion. Should any die or be lost, they should be marked thus - 'Died' written over 1601, or 'Lost' over 1602, and should any be sold, put a line through the number and enter in the spare column - '1603 to Smith'.

In the next bulletin, the article shall continue with "Attention to Youngsters".

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FTA BULLETIN

MARCH 1973

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Much has been under development in preparation for this year's activities. We value the importance in development and continued existence of local clubs. Therefore, certain provisions are being worked out to provide greater incentive for local club formation for the services rendered to them by the FTA. Among which are: Group club membership rate; FTA bands at reduced rate, and reduced flying fees. All are rather involved which has required some thinking on the part of the Officers. Therefore, we have had a slow, but progressive response. On the subject of reduced flying fees, from over-all responses, I have come to the conclusion that a reduction in flying fees for the entire membership may be in order. Hence, in my latest proposal I have presented this for their voting. My proposal calls for \$1.50 per fly and if paid for all 9 flies at the beginning of the season, a straight \$10.00 fee to cover all the flies. In my opinion, the club is in good financial condition and we need not go so steep in the flying fees. This should also help and encourage more people to fly. In your flying schedule, the flying fee has been left off for this reason. The fee will be announced next month after the votes are in.

NEW MEMBERS - Although each year we lose a few and gain a few, our gain in the past few years has been much greater. This is due to having a well organized club, offering a good program, followed by some publicity by our article and new in the APJ. We are pleased to have the following in our club:

E. & W. Buraczewski - 1214 Bastow St, Holbrook, N.Y. 11741
 Roy V. Anderson - 9750 Townline Diversion, Surrey, B.C., Canada
 Frank Rattel - 100 Stephen Rd., Bayport, L.I., N.Y. 11705
 Hiroshi Tagami - 47-754 Lamaula Rd., Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744
 Robert O. Poplin, Jr. - Rt. 8, Box 578, Mount Airy, N.C. 27030
 Rod Koozmin - 9312 Leesberg Pike, Great Falls, VA. 22066
 Celine Y. Steele, 21 Rousseau Rd. Kingston, Jamaica
 Robert Reavis - 6912 Pecan Ave. Orangevale, Calif. 95662

Hiroshi Tagami is our first member from the great State of Hawaii. We hope he can get others there interested in our sport. Celine Y. Steele is a teenage girl from Kingston, Jamaica, who flies Tippler. She joined our club through I.M. Turton. We extend a warm Welcome to all of you.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Our book balance stands at \$558.29 - The bank deposit is \$533.80, and the remainder is in checks to be deposited.

BANDS - Last number sold, 4263. A total of 40 Furturity bands sold so far.

NEW IMPORTS - Ed Young of PA., and E.R. Ball of Canada have recently imported some birds from England from the loft of John Cullen, who is also a member of our club. Importing is costly and involves a lot of paper work, and a quarantine of 30 days in the U.S. before they are released to the owner. We thank both Ed and Bob for their expense and trouble in bringing a new strain of good birds to this part of the World.

FLYING RESULTS - (CRESCENT FLYING TIPPLER CLUB)

As you know, the Crescent FTC of New Orleans flies a different schedule than the FTA. They start earlier in the Spring, do not fly in the Summer, then continue in Fall. The reason is the extreme heat in South. At this time, the Crescent club is considering flying with the FTA at least in the Spring Series, if we can come to some sort of agreement on the matters I

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mentioned at the beginning of this bulletin. We hope to have this matter
squared away shortly and add these fine flyers to our list of competitors.

CRESCENT FLYING TIPPER CLUB FLYING RESULTS

FIRST FLY:

I. Diecidue	7 hrs. 37 mins.
E. Hernandez	7 hrs. 35 mins.
D. Plauche	5 hrs. 20 mins.

SECOND FLY:

I. Diecidue	8 hrs. 13 mins.
D. Plauche	7 hrs. 10 mins.
E. Hernandez	2 hrs. 05 mins.

CANADIAN FLYING TIPPER CLUB - Roy Anderson has made mention of possible
formation of a Flying club in Canada in an effort to fly in the FTA's
official competitions. I have indicated to Roy that our club will be happy
to aid them in any way we can.

1973 Grand National Show And A Look At 1974 - While we can say we had no
Show in 1973 due to the location of the Grand National, we may possibly
have a grand one in 1974. This year the only exhibitor was Dallas Davis
of Wisconsin. Tim Kvidera has reported that the 1974 National will be held
in St. Paul, Minn. on Jan. 16-20.- Mr. Joe T. Powers will be the responsible
individual for the NPA National. Tim states: "If you elect to hold the FTA
meet with the National, I'm sure Joe would like to get a commitment from
you" - With these two capable gentlemen at hand, we just might promote a
Grand Show for 1974. With flying season coming up and this being rather
premature, I have not made any moves as yet.

AD - Dallas Davis would like to sell at low cost or give away two pairs of
Baumgartner Strain Flying Tipplers to a new starter in our club. If interest-
ed, contact him at: Rt. #1, Pine River, Wisc. 54965

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ATTENTION TO YOUNG BIRDS

BY: JOB OFIELD

When the squabs are about seven or eight days old, the rings should be placed on their legs. This is a simple operation. Get hold of the youngster by the left hand, with the palm over its back, this will enable you to grip the squab's foot with the left thumb and fore-finger, push this forward and with the right hand push the ring on the three toes first and then press the back toe against the squab's leg. Carry the ring right along until it has cleared the back toe, then let the back toe come forward again and the ring is on. Take the ring number and year and enter same on a card or in a book which already has the parents' ring numbers and ages. You will find this most interesting for future reference, and future pairings of your stock. You can always tell the birds that have bred the good ones and also the bad ones.

After the squabs are fourteen days old, the parent birds will begin to arrange for a second nest. Another pan of sawdust may now be placed on the shelf they occupied with their first nest. A good plan is to raise the 2nd nest if possible so that when the old birds are sitting the second 'round' they are not molested by the first youngsters. This can be done by placing a brick or a like article in first, and the pan on the top. When the second round are hatched out, the first should be removed. These should be placed into the other compartment. At first they may sulk and refuse food and water, so you must be extra watchful of them, as many a promising youngster has died when a little help from yourself would have saved it.

If you notice that one is not feeding, feed it yourself with some soaked peas-about a dozen peas will suffice-morning, noon and night, and after gently forcing its beak into the water fountain, it will soon get acquainted with what it has to do for itself.

The next thing to do with the youngsters is to let them have full access to the wire run, or let the old ones have the run in the morning and the young ones in the afternoon. If you can divide the run for the time being, so much the better. When they are used to the wire run, open the trap on the loft top, and let them wander about at will. If you have the old birds in the wire run, the youngsters will not go very far away. If they should 'strike up', just move the old ones about to draw their attention, and down they will come.

At this period it is as well if the youngsters are kept a little hungry, as you find them easier to control. Get them running about the loft top after a few grains of dard-which are easily seen-and so into the trap again.

After a while they will 'feel their wings' a little, and begin to dart off the loft top, some going one way and some another, and you may have six youngsters flying and six kits. Do not be alarmed-shake the old birds up, or better still, if you have an old fantail by you for a dropper, put him on the loft top and shistle your young Tipplers down.

Keep them hungry and repeat this method for at least a week, after which you will notice they will begin to kit or circle round together. When they do this, you can reckon you have got your first kit 'on the go'.

While you are paying so much attention to the young birds, do not neglect the old ones-give them good food, clean water, baths, and plenty of health grit.

Some fanciers take two rounds from their old ones, and some three-being a matter of choice,-but whichever you decide to do, be sure you do not over-crowd. We will suppose, it being your first breeding season, you decide to take two nests. Very well then, proceed as with the first youngsters-

When the old birds have laid their third pair of eggs, remove the eggs

remove the eggs and replace them with a pot one. If you have not pot pot ones, let them sit on the eggs for a fortnight, then destroy the eggs and take the hens away, placing them with the first lot of young birds, and leaving the cocks to finish rearing the second lot of youngsters.

By removing the hens after fourteen days, you take them away just before the soft food begins to form for the third round young, and so prevent sour crop, etc. The cocks will do their duty by their own until they can feed and drink for themselves. Keep the birds separate-the cocks in one loft, and all the young ones and hens in the other loft. Should you notice any of the 'first roun' to be cocks, place them with the old ones until you have sorted out both sexes, and have two compartments full.

You will continue the same treatment with the second roun as with the first, with regard to the settling of them.

TRAINING YOUNG BIRDS

When the youngsters have fairly 'taken to their wings,' they can, at about eight weeks old, be put through a course of training. To begin with, start your young birds off two hours before dusk, and fasten your loft up so that no other bird is on view.

Do not over-feed your birds; and when you think they have flown long enough, put your Fantail on the loft top or drive all your birds into the wire run. Whistle or call your youngsters, and throw some corn around for the others to pick up. The birds flying will soon come down to know what is wanted of them. The next day keep them confined to the loft, and repeat the day after but liberate one hour earlier. The food may consist of wheat, peas, and barley. Only feed once a day-at dusk, and only give water after meals except when turning out for a fly, when they may have a drink before liberation.

Continue this treatment gradually, increasing the time by turning out one hour earlier than the previous time, until the birds are about eleven weeks old. They should by then be flying about nine or ten hours, after which they could be put into serious training for a long day's flight such as are organised by the National Tippler Union, the All England Tippler Society, and the Welsh National, chiefly held on August Bank-holiday Monday.

Remember this-Keep the birds closely confined unless 'on the wing'. As soon as they drop, get them in smartly. Never allow them to loiter on the loft top, as it makes them lazy. Never over-feed so that they go and drop away, because where they settle once they will go again, perhaps on a day when much is at stake. So always drop birds on the loft top. Do not fly cocks with hens unless you are obliged to, for when they drop they are a nuisance to get in after flying.

In the next few bulletins, we shall continue with some serious training, entitled "COMPETITION FLYING", again from the great master, Job Ofield.

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FTA BULLETIN

APRIL 1973

The time has come near for another year of competition flying. April 28th and 29th are the dates for the 1st Fly. I would like to review with you some of the Rules for better understanding and benefit of all. The FTA officers this month voted for reduction of flying fees for all members from \$2.00 to \$1.50 per fly. Those wanting to participate in all none competitions may pay only \$10.00 for all nine flies, if paid all at once and in advance. Those that have already paid for all nine flies this year will receive \$5.00 credit for next year's membership dues. We hope that you take advantage from this reduced rate and plan to take part in the flies in either system that you may be eligible for. Should you decide to take it one at a time, please send your fee to Mr. Harry Evans, Central Timer a week in advance so he has enough time to enter you in the right log sheet and send you the Timer's Report Card. No flying report is accepted on any other Form other than our report cards. Report cards must be postmarked on the following Monday of each fly. Mr. Evans will finalize the flying reports Thursday following each fly and try to get a report to flyers and myself. Late reports will be disqualified. Those planning to fly in the Official system must secure a qualified Timer meeting the following requirements: The Timer must be another Tippler-man known to us as such as well as a FTA member in good standing. He must not be related to the flyer by blood or marriage, or his loft partner. Those in Local Club areas will use their best judgement in fulfilling these requirements. Those not in a local club area, I suggest they drop me a line to get their Timers approved. Anyone who can not secure a Timer may fly under the Honor System keeping in mind that all Rules are applicable just the same; with the exception of having an official Timer. Junior members 13 years of age and over are eligible as Timers and subject to same regulations.

The same as last year, the awards are equal and separate for each System. The winners who have surpassed six hours but having flown under 10 hours will receive a \$10.00 trophy. Those surpassing the 10 hours, will receive the \$10.00 base, in addition to a certain amount for each extra hour over 10 hours. This amount will be decided by the club depending on the condition of our treasury. In 1972 an additional \$3.00/hour was awarded and the winners received some fabulous trophies. Each trophy matching in quality to that of the hours flown. I mailed out cash checks and everyone was quite pleased. We will probably do the same this year.

Diplomas are presented to all flyers, whether winner or not, if his fly has reached 8 hours. Now a short review of some of the Fly Rules:

The "Split Rule" during the daylight hours and night flying are somewhat different. In the daylight if the kit breaks up but still all on sight, they are considered "On Split", and 30 minutes is allowed at the discretion of the flyer, for the kit to get together in order to continue or one hour from the time the split occurred, to get them down and trap, (Fly Rules P.4, Article 31).

At night if the kit breaks up but all can be seen without the aid of artificial lighting, the kit is NOT considered on split. (P.3, sec. 26e). Therefore they can safely continue flying so long as all kit-birds can be seen. At night, kit is considered on split if one or more of kit birds are found to be missing. At this time, the Time is taken and the flyer is "Put on the Hour", meaning he has only one hour to get the entire kit or disqualified (P.3, sec 26 b & d).

Birds raking away or going out of sight after release, are allowed 2½ hours from the release time to come back on sight. This period (2½ hours) remains constant for all rake-aways or out-of-sights until this period is

over. That is if a kit goes out of sight after two hours of flying, the kit has only 30 more minutes to come back on sight. If the kit goes over that time, it is disqualified. (P. 4, sec. 29)

No Timer is allowed to leave the premises, unless a relief Timer is secured, or such fly is disqualified. (sec. 24)

Although we do not have a designated time for release, but we do have a release deadline; and that is 10:00 a.m. (P.2, sec. 8)

Flying Tipplers may not be used as droppers, or released in fly pens or outside while dropping kit. (P.2, sec. 13)

Please review your fly Rules thoroughly.

OFFICER'S SECTION - Its been our aim to provide the local clubs with some special benefits, and incentive for formation of more club. Meantime it was felt that we may promote flying by reducing the flying fee. The following three measures were passed:

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| 1. Group Club Membership - | 3-8 members | \$4.50/Member |
| | 9-14 " | 4.00/ " |
| | 15 & Up | 3.50/ " |

Junior members will be counted toward the total membership and their rate will be \$2.00

2. FTA-Local Club Bands - Bands may be sold to local clubs at a reduced rate of 5¢ each, and collectively to a club, if bands are recorded and released by the FTA Secretary to each individual local club-FTA member.

3. Flying Fees - Are to be reduced for all members to \$1.50/fly, and \$10.00 for a full year (9 Flies), if paid at once and in advance.

Voting Results:

Group Club Membership - Passed unanimously in the 1st round.

Bands - Involved some discussion and changes, passed on the 2nd round, with 3 choices as follows:

#1 - 1 Vote; #2 - 7 Votes; #3 - 0 Vote

Fees - Involved simplification of the initial proposal; passed on the 2nd round unanimously with 8 votes.

The missing vote is due to the resignation of Mickey Conticchio. Ed Hernandez is next in line for the position. I'll contact him to fill this place if he so desires.

Constitution & By-Laws - Bob Funk questions the need for the committee, while Ed Young and Kennedy are willing to go ahead if Ok with the club. My personal thinking is that our Constitution & By Laws are for the most part in good shape. It may require some clarification in some areas. I'll send out an up-to date one next month. Our effort should be mainly pointed toward the Fly Rules instead. In the past I have received several letters regarding such Rules as the use of a "breed other than Tippler" as droppers, and Rules existing for a Record fly etc. As you know in the past I have made extensive effort in providing EQUAL OPPORTUNITY for all members to fly under the Official system as opposed in the past, that the flying was monopolized by the local clubs. I feel the same is applicable in the case of a record fly. I would like to direct your attention to the following letter from Mr. E.R. Ball: "...I would like to draw your attention to rule 13 which says and I quote...Any breed other than Tippler may be used as dropper. No Tippler shall be in flight area or fly-pens or exposed to kit birds during the one hour dropping period. Any bird of any breed returning to flyers loft during fly day, time is to be taken and flyer disqualified. Two weeks ago I dare say I would have had no comment to make; but about 4 days ago, while we were having breakfast, I happened to look out towards my coop and although there was none of my birds out or around the premises, and as far as I know there hasn't been for about the last 14 years, but setting on my fly-pen as nice as you please was a black badge

bird that I had never seen before or since.

Since receiving your Rules I could not help but to think what a great disappointment it would have been to me if I had had a good kit going with the hope of doing a record fly. According to this rule I would have no recourse. I would simply be disqualified, although I was in no way to blame. I am therefore requesting that the committee on the Rules be informed, and that rule 13, which I must say I believe to be unfair in this respect, and this rule be amended to read the same as the last part of rule 18; Which reads and I quote...the timer shall however, continue to time, until the kit drops, details shall be noted on flying report and left to the discretion of the committee.

Again in Rule 33 and I quote, if the flying time is exceptionally good and it appears that a record might be broken in any FTA competition, a second timer will be required for the conclusion of the fly, in this way you will establish an acceptable record. Again I feel that this rule is unjust as it penalizes some and not others. For instance I now live 30 miles North East of Toronto. I have lived here now 1 year and 6 months. To my knowledge there is no Tippler flyer in or about this district or anywhere nearer than the City of Toronto. I am very doubtful whether I would be able to in the early part of a summer evening phone anyone in Toronto and get them to volunteer to drive 30 miles to witness the last couple of hours of a fly. Maybe other flyers will have the same trouble at any rate I request that this rule be taken into consideration also. As a Tippler flyer of many years I know and appreciate the fact that it is hard enough to get a good kit to fly and perform, according to the necessary rules, without a flyer being handicapped unnecessarily."

Perhaps the Rule 7 and its subdivisions are the most controversial rules we have. This is due to FTA's flying records which are virtually unknown to everyone. Some time ago I asked Mr. Funk to make a research and provide me with some solid fact regarding outstanding flies of the past. He spent a long period and many long nights and finally sent me a package which contained photostatic copies of many fine flies and rosters etc. Meantime I have tangled with these papers and probed into until was able to get some facts in a presentable manner. Therefore, as soon as I can finalize it, FTA Flying Records will be next on the agenda.

Those members who have suggestions regarding any of the Fly Rules or the Constitution & By-Laws may direct their letter to Mr. Ed Young.

NTU - I regret to announce the death of Mr. Ernest Loach, NTU Secretary. He served in this capacity for over 30 years. Not long ago, he was awarded a life membership by the Union. Mr. Loach has made many contributions to this sport. We were proud in having him as a member of our club.

Mr. Gordon Hughes at this time is handling the Club affairs, until a regular Secretary becomes available.

In behalf of the entire FTA Club we would like to express our sympathy to Mrs. Loach and the NTU Club.

CANADIAN FLYING TIPPLER CLUB - I have received a letter from Mr. Roland Deschepper informing me that they are in final stages of forming this club. At this time they have 5 committed flyers and they would like to invite others in Canada to join them. They plan to have 4 Flies this 1st year with their dates in coincidence with FTA Flies. At their request, I have outlined the necessary steps in becoming a affiliated club eligible for all privileges. I am looking forward to seeing this club formed in union with FTA.

THREE-LEG SHOW CHAMPIONSHIP

WINNER, BOB KENNEDY

In 1967, the FTA instituted a 3-leg Show Championship. The requirements were that the bird is to win 3 Championships under 3 different judges. One of the wins has to be as a Young Bird. The program was designed by Mr. Bob Hinz, FTA's President at the time, and Mr. John Curley, FTA's Central Timer. It was put into effect by its publication in the FTA's bulletin of August 1968. The program had recognized several well known Shows held in various parts of the Country where this Championship could be acceptable.

Bob Kennedy won this Championship after five years using the same cock FTA 68-764. According to the requirements, Bob filed a claim with me as the Secretary of the Association and in support of his claim he presented to me the following documents:

1. Copy of NPA marked catalog of 1968 and a letter from Mrs. Doris Weber, NPA Secretary in effect of the 1968 win by the Young Cock 764.
2. Official Diploma presented to Bob of the 1969 win at the Faircount Show, and a letter from Mr. Robert A Johnston, President of this Show, in support and confirmation of this win.
3. Official Certificate of 1972 win at the Nassau Suffolk Show, and a letter of confirmation from Mr. Russell H. Keuling, Corresponding Secretary, NSC.

Therefore, I declare Mr. Bob Kennedy of Long Island New York, the Official winner of this award and the honor he is entitled to. Our hats off to Bob for this accomplishment, and moreover for his dedication to the Flying Tippler sport.

FTA GROWTH - Our existance will depend on having good leaders. On the other hand, our growth will depend on having good members. What is the use of all the hard work in recruiting a new member as a potential flyer, if he can not get birds, or help and encouragement from the members; whoever he might turn to.

I have received couple letters from new members who are seemingly displeased; not for being unable to get birds, but for them not getting an answer from those they wrote to.

Whether you have birds for sale or not, please always show some courtesy by writing a few lines and let the individual know one way or the other. Our growth will depend on it.

I also received a letter from a non-member who is quite pleased for a job well done by one of our members. He writes " Dear Mr. Shirakbari: Some months ago I wrote you saying I would like to buy some Tipplers, and you recommended Mr. Joe Kelley in Calif. This is just a note to tell you I took your advice and purchased some birds from Mr. Kelley and I'm glad I did. Mr. Kelley telephoned just before shipping the birds, followed up with a letter outlining the rudiments of their care after their arrival, and needless to say, shipped a nice lot of birds. He seems like a real credit to the pigeon fancy.- R.C. Strain, Chagrin Falls, Ohio"

FLY RULES - So far as I know, everyone have a copy of the Fly Rules. Either from last year, or if a new member, received one upon joining. I am having to run off some new copies. If you need one, drop me a line and I'll mail you one.

OK gentlemen, let's put it all together for a good start. GOOD LUCK.

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COMPETITION FLYING

BY JOB OFIELD

Youngsters at eleven weeks old may be put into vigorous training for a long fly. This should commence three weeks before the day fixed for flying.

To train and "condition" a Flying Tippler you do three very important things. The first is to reduce all fat from your birds by feeding them sparingly, and getting them into a low condition. The second is, that while they are in this condition they are absolutely under your own control and can be manipulated with ease. And lastly, re-build them up into condition so that their bodies and wings are all muscle and fibre, with no waste particle of flesh on them but that which will be of advantage on the day of the "fly."

The first thing to do then, is to reduce all fat and superfluous flesh, and replace by muscle and fibrous sinews. This is done by placing the birds on a barley diet.

Having selected the birds which are to go through the period of strict training--any number will do, from three to twenty-one, but we will say five--which makes a nice kit. These should be all of one strain, so that they should all fly uniformly--not, as I have seen, some kits of four well up, and one "tailion" thirty or forty yards below them, or half the kit raking away and one or two circling round the loft. You should have noticed your own birds and how they were individually bred, to form your kit.

These five birds should be placed in a place of their own. A yard square is quite sufficient room. Place five perches in--they will soon claim one each. Some fanciers do not put any in at all, but keep the birds on the compartment floor. Keep this place in semi-darkness, or you can close it up altogether, with just a few air-holes round the top of the sides. The first day (Sunday), do not give the birds any food, but a drink of rue tea and salts in the water.

To prepare this, place four or five sprigs of rue in a pan with a pint of water; bring to a boil and gently simmer for ten minutes. Add one teaspoonful of Epsom Salts, and when cold, is ready for the birds to drink.

This drink should be given at dusk. Leave the fountain in for five minutes, then take it away and close the birds up for the night.

Second night (Monday), at dusk, feed on plump, sound, malting barley, which has been dried in the oven for at least 24 hours without discolouring it. Let them eat as much as they will; clear up any left over, and half an hour afterwards, give them a drink as on the first day.

Third day (Tuesday), feed same as second but give pure water to drink.

The fourth day (Wednesday), turn out to fly for four hours before dusk; give a drink of pure water one hour before liberation.

Possibly your birds may fly low and sluggish, and you may have a difficulty in keeping them up, but make them go even by frightening them when they appear to be drooping. Do not leave them, or as soon as your back is turned, down they will come.

After they have gone as long as you wish, put your droppers out and call or whistle them, and they should not take much persuasion to enter their own compartments.

Let their bodies settle down for half-an-hour before feeding, then give them an eggcupful of linseed and fill up with dried barley. Half-an-hour afterwards give pure water to drink.

Thursday and Friday, give the same as on Tuesday, and on Saturday fly as on Wednesday, but turn out one hour earlier. Feed at night, as on Thursday and Friday, with dried barley.

Sunday-- barley and few maple peas at night; water, rue tea and salts to drink.

Monday-- feed and water same as on Sunday.

Tuesday-- feed at night, peas and barley; clean water to drink.

Wednesday-- turn out to fly one hour earlier than on Saturday. Make them go till dusk. Feed at night, peas and barley and water. Always keep them on the hungry side.

Thursday and Friday-- feed and water as on Wednesday.

Saturday-- turn out to fly one hour sooner than on Wednesday. Fly till dusk. Feed at night on peas and barley and water.

Sunday-- dried bread crumbs and dried barley, rue tea and salts in water.

Monday-- breakfast, half-feed dried bread and canary seed; no water. Supper, barley and peas; clear water.

Tuesday-- breakfast and supper same as Monday.

Wednesday-- breakfast, nothing. Fly for five hours only, up till dark. They should be dropped with some "fly" left in them.

Wednesday-- supper, dried barley, peas and canary seed. Do not over-feed and water.

Thursday-- breakfast, canary seed and linseed; no water. Supper, dried barley and peas only. Three-quarter feed and water.

Friday-- breakfast, nothing. Fly same as Wednesday (this is the last "fly" before the day selected for long-time flying). Supper, dried barley and peas and water.

Saturday-- breakfast, nothing. Supper, dried bread with dried egg mixed with it; sprinkle over same half teaspoonful of ground kola nut then give wheat and canary seed. No water.

Sunday-- midday, dried egg, bread and kola nut, canary seed, millet and wheat in small quantities; water. Nothing more this day.

Monday-- "Fly" day. One hour before liberation give dried bread, canary seed, millet, turnip seed, about half-a-dozen grains of small indian corn each, and the same of maple peas. Failing to get them to eat, give them anything they fancy, and water to drink.

If the birds are over-fed they will not come and eat, and you may have to turn them out without food, when their chances of going right through the day are very small. On the other hand, if they are well-fed before going out, on the above feeding, and trained as above, they should fly at least sixteen hours.

In training, always take the water away after meals. Always keep birds in the dark or semi-darkness. Never allow food to remain on the loft floor. Give grit in an old tin for a few minutes after feeding every other day, and then take it away. Give a bath every Sunday, including Sunday before the "fly"-- it invigorates them. Do not disturb them more than necessary; keep them quiet. Before turning out, look at their eyes and beaks--see that they are clean, also see that there is no hard dirt or feathers adhering to the legs and feet. These are small details but may mean a lot.

Never fly a sick bird--it's not worth the risk. If in doubts of any, do not trust to luck; be safe on those that are fit.

The above treatment can also be carried out for old birds at Easter and Whitsuntide "flys." When flying old birds it is better to fly unpaired birds--either all cocks or all hens. These should be kept as quiet as possible and away from the cooings of paired birds. It is better to box the hens off separately, as by bringing them up into condition they may start laying eggs, which is disastrous while training.

Always be very careful when flying Tippler pigeons that the weather is not too bad for flying. On competition days, of course, you are almost bound to liberate, but even then, I have known the conditions to be so wretched that fanciers have foregone the "fly" for the love of their birds.

If the weather is boisterous you do not need your birds to "rake" much, or they may not have enough strength to get back--so keep the rice away from them. If it is inclined to be foggy you never want your birds too high, and to keep them low, feed on peas and small indian corn, but no water before liberation. Should there be snow about, never risk having your birds out at all, because should a snow-storm start while they are in the air, the chances are that you will lose the lot. Of all the adversities of the weather--rain, wind, fog, and snow, I think a sudden snow-storm is the worst. One can generally perceive a fog coming up, and if the birds are trained to droppers, you should have no difficulty in getting them down, but if a sudden snow-storm comes on the birds simply lose their heads, and you can see them with their feet out, when hundreds of feet up, trying to tread on the snow as it is falling. Thus, they lose all knowledge of their surroundings and travel further and further away until lost completely. I once timed a kit of 18 out one bright winter's morning, just for a spin. I left them only for a moment or two while I went on a short errand. I had not been away long when a violent snow storm came over. I hurried home, but was too late--I saw my birds just going over the fields. I heard of them a few days later being found nearly 20 miles away. Then there are the winds to contend with--there are the "down" winds and the "lifting" winds.

If your cote is in a hilly country or town, you will perceive the difference a wind makes, more than the fancier whose cote is in a flat country.

When a loft is on the west side of a hill, a favourable wind for flying is a south or south-westerly. This is a most important item, if it can be arranged, as there are more westerly winds than any other kind during the summer or the flying season. A wind coming from the open country from the west catches these birds and literally lifts them up. Otherwise, were the wind to come from the east, it would come over the hill, and what the old fanciers term, "be on their backs."

Then again, with the loft on the east side of a hill, the same thing happens again only vice-versa. That is why so many fanciers whose lifts are in this position nearly always do so well in the Easter "flys," when the winds usually are N.N.E., changing round towards the S.S.W., as the spring and summer come along.

On placing the loft in position, a point worth remembering is to note where the winds are most favourable for the position, and then turn the loft so that the lower side, or front, faces that position, as the birds invariably drop facing the wind--a point our airmen have discovered also for "taking off."

After the competition day do not fly your birds too often. Three "flys" a fortnight are quite sufficient, and where a fancier has two kits--one of cocks and one of hens--this is quite easily managed.

Another point I would expressly bring to the fanciers notice is: do not over-crowd or retain too big a stock. A few birds are a pleasure, but to have too many are a bug-bear and a burden. A man may be successful the first year both "on the wing" and "in the pens." The second year he decides to go one better--he doubles his breeding birds in the hope of doubling his success. What is the result? He has more birds than he can manage properly, his good birds deteriorate, they occupy too much of his leisure, take too much cash to feed properly, and so he packs up disgusted. Such cases are happening every year.

FTA BULLETIN

MAY 1973

This bulletin is late and short because I have been in hospital for a week. Must stay in bed another week before up and on the go. I had an emergency Hernia Operation. Betty Kay and Robbie are getting the bulletin out. Both have been a lot of help with Club work and care of the birds.

FLYING RESULTS - We had an impressive opener with several outstanding times. Sinko has done it again. He flew the best time, 12 hours and 41 minutes using a five bird kit. His kit flew low all day and had to work against a down-draft. A remarkable performance under the prevailing wind condition. Knocking at the door was Victor Jendzo who went for 12 hours 16 minutes in an overcast weather condition. Very well done by Vic. We are very glad to have Vic back competing with the FTA again. He is always a tough one to beat. When I think of consistency, I think of Joe & Mark Rounbehler. Again a fine performance by their kit going 11 hours and 38 minutes. Bob Coppola (Novice) went for 10 hours 52 minutes in a hard fly but well done. Bill Conboy did not miss his turn in making a good showing. He went for 10 hours and 5 minutes. Bob Kennedy had gone 11 hours 37 minutes when one bird dropped. He failed to get the other two. Good fly, but disappointing result.

FLYING RESULTS--APRIL 28, 29

FLYER

TIME FLOWN

TIMER

Tony Sinko	12 hrs 41 min (Trophy & Diploma)	Ed Young
Vic Jendzo	12 hrs 16 min (Diploma)	Ed Burezwaski
Joe & Mark Rounbehler	11 hrs 38 min (Diploma)	Henry Bamfield
Bob Coppola	10 hrs 52 min (Diploma)	Joseph Prochilo
Bill Conboy	10 hrs 05 min (Diploma)	Frank Ratel
Don Zink	8 hrs 19 min (Diploma)	Elmer Randall
Robert Rotzsch	5 hrs 30 min	Angelo Decosino
Joe Prochilo	5 hrs 14 min	Bob Coppola
David Bortell (Honor System)	2 hrs 22 min	Harry Carot (Non-member)
Bob Kennedy	Disq.--missing two birds	Arthur Randell
Stend Hansen	Disq.--no report	

NEW MEMBERS - We are happy to have the following new members:

1. Sal Mannio, 104 Sage Brush Ln., Central Islip, New York 11722
2. Angelo Decosino, 89-23-127 St., Richmond Hill, New York 11418
3. William J. MacBae, 4231 So. 3960 W. Salt Lake City, Utah 84120

Futurity Bands - We have sold a total of 58 Futurity Bands.

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Writing everyone a lot of nice flying in this Spring season
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DELAWARE VALLEY REGION FLYING TIPPLER CLUB
BY
ROBERT PRISCO, PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

The Delaware Valley Region Flying Tippler Club held its monthly meeting on March 16th at Tony Sinko's new residence at 9 Forest Ave., Clementon, N.J. With seven members in attendance, Tony Sinko, Joe Rounbehler, Bob Coppola, John Smith, Joe Prochilo, Ed Young and Bob Prisco, much Tippler Conversation, news and important decisions came about.

The meeting was scheduled to start at 8 P.M. All seven members were in attendance by 8:15, but the meeting officially started at 11:30 P.M. This was due to the excellent "bull session" we all had concerning our favorite sport "Tipplers".

Several items of interest were discussed in this session, but the most important seem to be the help, assistance and information offered by some of our top flyers to aid all concerned members with this years training programs and competition flies.

Some of the more meaningful decisions that came from our official meeting - Tony Sinko was appointed as chairman of the membership committee.

The club also voted unanimously to secure our own club (D.V.R.) bands for 1974. Henry Bamfield was appointed chairman of this committee.

Also, to go along with our high standards, anticipation and goals for this coming year, the membership has voted to increase our standard of 6 hours for a diploma to 8 hours. This now means that our trophy and diploma standards are now uniform and both require a 8 hour official fly.

With the increase in this standard, the D.V.C. now has the highest requirements for both trophy and diploma awards of any Tippler club in the States. The club felt a strong necessity for this increase because of the flying times of many members has been in the double figures with consistency.

It was also decided that a special mixed kit fly would be held on April 21, 22 to prepare the kits for the start of the official 1973 Spring Series.

With breeding season in full swing, the club goal of 13 hours in 1973 is hopefully not too far off. The D.V.C. would like to wish a very successful and rewarding year to all of the many Tippler fanciers throughout the world. Please address all correspondence and inquiries to: Edwin G. Young, Sec., Delaware Valley Region, 209 Greenwood Ave., Wyncote, Penn. 19095

FTA BULLETIN

June 1973

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I am feeling much better. Back to work and carrying on with the routine. With the family's help, I have even managed to train some birds.

1974 BAND ORDER FORM - It is time for the club to order your 1974 bands. To order the right amount of bands, I will need your help and cooperation by filling in the order form enclosed in this bulletin and forwarding to me. You do NOT have to send any money at this time. You can take care of the payment sometime before the band release date which is January 10th. Again, I will assign a number to each order as received and dispense them in that order. First come first serve. Your help in this matter is very much appreciated.

CHECKS - Please, anytime you send a check for flying fees or other club business, make it in the Association's name and not in the Secretary's or Central Timer's name.

FLYING RESULTS

This year Bob Kennedy made an early move after a disqualification in the opener and came back with a big one to put us in the 13's for the first time in several years. He flew 3 yearling cocks, releasing them at 5:40 am and dropping them at 6:54 pm, a total of 13 hours and 14 minutes. Timer, Don Zink, underwrites, "Kit flew high most of the day." We are most happy to see such good Times are being flown by our flyers, after many years of Flying stagnation in the United States. Our efforts are paying off. Many congratulations to Bob Kennedy for this very fine fly.

Bob Coppola, a very promising flyer, flew a five bird kit of yearlings for 11 hrs. 44 mins., but was unable to trap the kit within the hour, and disqualified. Just hang on there Bob, your time will come. Don Zink, Svend Hansen, and Bob Rotschi all finished in the upper bracket to get a diploma. Congratulations to all of you.

FLYING RESULTS - May 12-13, 1973

FLYER	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Robert C. Kennedy	13 hrs 14 mins	Don Zink
Don Zink	9 hrs 26 mins	Bob Kennedy
Svend Hansen	9 hrs 01 mins	Earl Grollman
Robert Rotschi	8 hrs 50 mins	Angelo DeCosino
Joseph Prochilo	6 hrs 27 mins	Bob Coppola
Robert Coppola	Disq. - Birds did not trap	Joe Prochilo
William Conboy	Disq. - Two did not drop in the hour	Frank Ratel
Joe Rounbehler	Disq. - No report	
Tony Sinko	Disq. - No report	
Victor Jendzo	Disq. - No report	
David Bortell	Disq. - No report	

FLYING AWARDS - This year we will send out the awards shortly after the completion of each Fly. Our diplomas are designed as such that require alot of information. It is much easier to make them while report cards are at hand, rather than waiting to the end of the year, then trying to gather the information and prepare them. Also, the winners do not have to wait so long to get their trophies.

FLYING AWARDS -- April 28-29, 1973

Tony Sinko	Trophy, equivalent to \$15.35
Tony Sinko	1st Place Diploma
Victor Jendzo	2nd Place Diploma
Joe & Mark Rounbehler	3rd Place Diploma
Robert Coppola	4th Place Diploma
Bill Conboy	5th Place Diploma
Don Zink	6th Place Diploma

Also, the first 5 flyers who had flown over 10 hours, received a letter of commendation from Mr. Robert B. Funk, President.

FINANCIAL REPORT -- Our book balance stands at \$612.37. The bank deposit is \$604.93 and the remainder in petty cash. Our bank is Union Bank & Trust Co. of Monticello; Phone 501-367-3456; Acct. No. 0829-0156

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CONTACT E.R. Ball - R.R. #2, Stouffville,
Ontario, Canada L0H-1L0

1974 GRAND NATIONAL SHOW - The Grand National this year will be held at St. Paul Auditorium, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 23-26, 1974. We have received the Agreement and Questionnaire from the Secretary of the NPA Grand National Show, Vern Thorson. I plan to sign the Agreement and answer the Questionnaire. I have confirmation from Tim Kvidera who will be there as our host and will take charge of looking after our birds, the arrangements etc. I would like to know WHO is planning to show their birds and WHO is planning to go to the National. Also, how many birds you are sending.

Also, WE NEED A JUDGE. How about one of you volunteering for the job. Please, let me hear from you as soon as possible, so I can complete the Questionnaire and send it in.

PLEASE CUT AT THE LINE AND SEND TO:
Nasser Shirakbari, Secretary
216 McKnight Drive
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I, _____ would like to reserve _____ FTA, 1974 Banks
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FTA ROSTER

JUNE 1973

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 Steele, Celine Y. - 21 Rousseau Rd., Kingston, Jamaica
 Suler, Joseph - % Bobby's Acres, Rt. 23, Newfoundland, New Jersey 07435
 Tagami, Hiroshi - 47-754 Lamaula Rd., Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744
 Townsend, Sylvester O. - 1117 Merlin Street, Chester, Penn. 19013
 Turton, I. M. - 32 Saturn Ave., Harbourview, Kingston 17, Jamaica, West Indies
 Young, Edwin G. - 209 Greenwood Ave., Wyncote, Penn. 19095
 Zamorski, Emil R. - 72 Swol Street, Chicopee, Mass. 01013
 Zink, Don - 130 Lafayette Rd., North Babylon, L.I., New York
 Tomsic, Wayne - 990 E. Boston Road, Broadview Hts., Ohio 44147

1973-74 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Robert B. Funk
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SEC.-TREAS.	Nasser Shirakbari
PUB.-DIR.	Nasser Shirakbari

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CENTRAL TIMER

Harry Evans

JULY 1973

Furturity Fly - Will take place on July 7, 8. A total of 58 bands have been registered in the name of 8 flyers. This makes it the largest Furturity pot we have had. These flyers are to fly a kit wearing any of the bands assigned to their names as follow:

Victor Jendzo	FTA 73-1 through 6
Bob Kennedy	7 through 13
William Conboy	14 through 19 (also 41, 42)
Joe Rounbehler	20 through 29
Bob Rotschi	30 through 35
Svend Hansen	36 through 40
William Conboy	41 through 42
John Smith	43 through 48
Tony Sinko	49 through 58

The winner will receive a check in the amount of \$29.00. I suggest all flyers write the band numbers very clearly on the report cards for the purpose of identification by Mr. Evans and myself. This will eliminate any delay in receiving your award. If the participant-winner of the Furturity Fly happens to be the winner of the regular scheduled Fly also, and has flown over six hours, then he will receive the regular club award in addition to his \$29.00. A lot is at stake, so let's do a better job with the young birds than we have done so far.

While we are on the subject of the Furturity Fly, it occurs to me that we are wasting a number of good bands each year by reserving them for this event and not selling all of them. To alleviate this, I see no reason why the Honor System flyers couldn't have their own Furturity Fly. We could reserve 70 bands for the Official flyers and 30 bands for the Honor flyers. The 30 to be distributed on a limit of no more than 6 bands per flyer. I believe this change should create a little more incentive for the Honor System flyers, as well as turning the waste into profit for the treasury. If you think that 100 bands is not enough to accommodate both system flyers, we can always increase the reserve from 100 to 120 or 150. Even better, we can eliminate all this guessing game if you can let me know how many bands you would want for Furturity while you are making reserves for your 1974 regular bands. Let me know what you think about it.

1974 Bands - Again, I would like to urge all members to fill the band reservation form at the bottom of the June Bulletin and forward to me. This will enable me to order the right number of bands for the Club. Your cooperation is appreciated. Let's get it all in this month, so I can turn in the order.

Flying Report May 26, 27, 1973

The Third Spring Series turned out to be another close one with three times of over 10. Joe and Mark Rounbehler took it with 10 hours and 45 minutes. Tony Sinko, Timer, reports, Birds flew high and tight in bad weather conditions, with a threat of rain all day. ENE wind 10 MPH. Congratulations to Joe & Mark. Angelo DeCosimo, a new flyer with the FTA, came second with 10 hours 25 minutes. We would like to Welcome Angelo to our flying circle. Bill Conboy did another good job flying 10 hours 10 minutes. His birds flew pin high most of the time on a cool and cloudy day. Robert Rotschi flew 8 hours 35 minutes. Bob is coming strong for his first season and he is to be congratulated for his fine progress.

Bob Coppola who flies Sinko Birds, and has made good showing in his first season with the FTA was disqualified after flying 7 hours 35 minutes in an on & off rain, for bird dropping out of bound. Good try.

Flying Results
May 26-27, 1973

FLYER

Joe & Mark Rounbehler
Angelo DeCosimo
Bill Conboy
Bob Rotschi
Don Zink
Bob Coppola

TIME FLOWN

10 hrs 45 min (Trophy, Diploma)
10 hrs 25 min (Diploma)
10 hrs 10 min (Diploma)
8 hrs 35 min (Diploma)
7 hrs 51 min
Disqualified-Kit dropped out of bound

TIMER

Tony Sinko
Bob Rotschi
Frank Ratel
A. DeCosimo
E. Randall
J. Prochilo

Bob Kennedy
David Bortell (Honor System)
Svend Hansen
Tony Sinko
Vic Jendzo
Joe Prochilo

Disqualified-Timer absent
4 hrs 40 min
Disqualified-no report
Disqualified-no report
Disqualified-no report
Disqualified-no report

Harry Carrot

Flying Report, First Summer - Needless to say the first Summer Fly with young birds didn't get into gear as we had hoped for. Best Official time came from Victor Jendzo with 5 hours 25 minutes on a hot day in upper 80's while the Honor System turned up 8 hours 31 minutes by David Bortell on a perfect flying day. His birds stuck close together and flew at pinpoint the first three hours. In 2nd places, Tony Sinko from the Official flew 4 hours 19 minutes on a fair and warm day (80's), and Nasser Shirakbari from the Honor flew 4 hours 42 minutes on a hot day, humid, and no wind. Third placements were by Joe & Mark Rounbehler on the Official, 2 hours 01 minute on a hazy and cloudy day and Joe Kelley on the Honor did 4 hours 27 minutes on a good day. Disqualified were Ed Young, for one bird having pitched on tree and not trapping after flying 4 hours 28 minutes on a very hot day (90's) with 90% humidity. Good performance. We realize what a handicap it is to settle and drop birds through those trees. So don't get discouraged Ed, stay with it. Bob Rotschi disqualified after flying 1 hour 45 minutes for birds not trapping on time. John Smith disqualified after 1 hour 45 minutes for birds dropping out of bound.

Flying Results
June 9-10, 1973

FLYER

Victor Jendzo
Tony Sinko
Joe & Mark Rounbehler
Ed Young

TIME FLOWN

5 hrs 5 min
4 hrs 19 min
2 hrs 01 min
Disqualified-birds on tree failed to trap

TIMER

Ed Buraczewski
Bob Coppola
John Smith
Tony Sinko

Bob Rotschi

Disqualified-1 bird dropped out of bound

Bob Kennedy

Disqualified-no start
Honor System

David Bortell
Nasser Shirakbari
Joe Kelley

8 hrs 31 min (Trophy, Diploma)
4 hrs 42 min
4 hrs 27 min

Tom Sprounskie
Flyer
Flyer

New Members - We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:
 Bud Fredrick- R.R. 1, River Oaks Village, Springfield, Illinois 62707
 Michael R. Lackey- 14642 Fonthill Ave., Hawthorne, California 90250
 Jack H. McCarthy- 8116 Yorktown Ave., Los Angeles, California 90045

Rules Committee- Mr. Ed Young and Mr. Bob Kennedy are heading up this committee. In the past, I have received letters from various members regarding certain rules such as the "Record Fly Rule" or the "Dropper Rule" etc. Changing any of these rules has to be done properly by going through proper channels. So the first step for any of us is to write to the above two officers. I have written to them and have submitted my suggestions for their consideration. So here is your chance to do the same. Let these gentlemen hear from you if you have a constructive suggestion.

1974 Grand National Show - I definitely need to know if any or how many of our members plan to ship birds or to be there. Dave Bortell dropped me a note saying he and his wife plan to go to the National. I need to know this, so I'll know whether to sign up a sponsorship contract with them or not. If I do sign up, then the Club is obligated to present a number of trophies to the winners. I don't want to waste \$50 or \$60 of the Club money if we are not going to ship 50 or 60 birds to recover at least 1/3 of this expense. The entry fees are \$1.50 / bird and rebate only 50¢ per bird. Myself, I no longer have my show birds, so I have nothing to show. Also, I live 50 miles from the nearest airport. Meaning, my wife would have to make four trips back & forth to ship them and pick them up, in addition to cost of shipping and entry fees. A worthless proposition for me. Let me hear from you in this regard.

FLYING AWARDS May 12, 13, 1973

Robert C. Kennedy	Trophy & 1st Place Diploma
Don Zink	2nd Place Diploma
Svend Hansen	3rd Place Diploma
Robert Rotschi	4th Place Diploma

FLYING AWARDS May 26, 27, 1973

Joe & Mark Rounbehler	Trophy & First Place Diploma
Angelo DeCosimo	2nd Place Diploma
William Conboy	3rd Place Diploma
Bob Rotschi	4th Place Diploma

----- WANTED URGENTLY

REQUIRED TWO PAIRS OF WORKING INDIAN FANTAILS
 TO BE USED AS DROPPERS
 CONTACT E.R. BALL - R.R. #2, Stouffville,
 Ontario, Canada LOH-1LO

Please correct my address on the roster from 216 McKnight Dr. to 218 McKnight Dr. The houses in the addition where we live have been renumbered.

Nasser

AUGUST, 1973

Flying Report June 23, 24 - Weather conditions in various parts of the country were described with such words as foggy, humidity up and over 90%, cloudy, overcast, no wind, down wind, etc.; exception has been in Michigan where good weather prevailed. The flying results have matched the weather descriptions as well.

FLYING RESULTS June 23, 24 1973

FLYER	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Bill Conboy	6 hours 11 minutes (Trophy)	Richard Albin
Don Zink	5 hours 31 minutes	Bob Kennedy
Joe Prochilo	2 hours 38 minutes	Tony Sinko
Edwin Young	2 hours 11 minutes	John Smith
Bob Rotschi	1 hour 15 minutes	Angelo DeCosimo
Bob Kennedy	Disqualified (after 7 hrs 22 min) failed to trap	Don Zink
Svend Hansen	Disqualified (after 2 hrs 25 min) failed to trap	Earl Grollman
John Smith	Disqualified (after 2 hrs 12 min) missed one bird	Ed Young
Joe Rounbehler	Disqualified - no report	
Tony Sinko	Disqualified - no report	
Bob Coppola	Disqualified - no report	
Vic Jendzo	Disqualified - no report	
HONOR SYSTEM		
David Bortell	7 hours 37 minutes (Trophy)	Tom Skrounskie
Joe Kelley	7 hours 36 minutes	Flyer
Nasser Shirakbari	3 hours 24 minutes	Flyer

July 7, 8 - This fly was no better than the one before. Only four flies were completed and only two Furturity kits were off the ground; Victor Jendzo's and Bill Conboy's. Both kits were disqualified leaving the \$29.00 purse for the Club. Both had put it together well. Vic's kit split and could not drop in the hour. Also, Bill could not drop his.

FLYING RESULTS July 7, 8 1973

FLYER	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Don Zink	3 hours 37 minutes	Elmer Randall
Bob Rotschi	2 hours 45 minutes	Angelo DeCosimo
Ed Young	1 hour 37 minutes	John Smith
Vic Jendzo (Furturity)	Disqualified - failed to drop	E. Buraczweski
Bill Conboy (Furturity)	Disqualified - failed to drop	Pat Organ
Svend Hansen	Disqualified - no report	
Bob Kennedy	Disqualified - no report	
Joe Rounbehler	Disqualified - no report	
Tony Sinko	Disqualified - no report	
Bob Coppola	Disqualified - no report	
Joe Prochilo	Disqualified - no report	

HONOR SYSTEM

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FLYER	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Nasser Shirakbari	4 hours 05 minutes	Flyer
David Bortell	Disqualified (after 7 hrs 13 min)	Tom Skrounskie
	could not drop one bird	
E. R. Ball	Disqualified - no report	

Mr. Ball had flown 8 hours 20 minutes on a very hot, humid day but did not report since he does not have droppers. Later in the week he realized that the kit had dropped on their own and he could have turned in his time. Well we all learn by experience. I am happy to learn that Frank O'Neil has spotted some Indian Fantails and Nuns as droppers for Mr. Ball. Hope he can get his dropper problem worked out and join our Honor Class as we need him on our team.

AWARDS - All awards and diplomas have been presented up to this point.

NEW MEMBERS - Welcome to the Club!

Isidro Ybanez, Jr. - 409 San Zeferino St., Rio Grande City, Texas 78582
Joe Kowalski - 2619 E. Birch St., Philadelphia, Penn. 19134

NEWS FROM ENGLAND
by E. R. Ball

Mr. Gordon Hughes, Derby, England, President of the NTU, on July 1st flew a kit of 6 young birds 18 hours and 7 minutes. This is a new World Record for young Tipplers.

Our friend, John Cullen, is well on his way toward winning the yearly aggregate and a dandy it will be: more details later.

FTA congratulates Mr. Gordon Hughes
on his capture of the New Young Bird
World Record of 18 hours 7 minutes!

1974 GRAND NATIONAL SHOW - Dallas Davis has volunteered to judge. Tim Kvidera will be there as a host and to look after the birds. Dave Bortell plans to to. Also, other local Tipplermen will be there and showing. Our club will sponser the show.

Have received a letter from Mr. E.R. Ball saying Mr. Frank O'Neil got him a pair of Nuns and two pair of fantails. Mr. Ball writes "To Frank I would like to say it is impossible to find words to express my gratitude and appreciation. I can only say many thanks, Frank, and that your kindness will long be remembered.

Our thoughts are with our President, Mr. Robert B. Funk, whose wife, Gloria, has been very ill and undergone two surgeries last month. On behalf of the FTA we wish Mrs. Funk a speedy recovery.

Nasser

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OCTOBER 1973

We hope that all of you had a chance to rest-up from the final Summer Fly, July 7, 8 to September 29, 30. The Fall Series is now underway and we'll give you the results in the next Bulletin. I did not send out a bulletin in September since there was nothing of significance to discuss.

1974 BANDS - I have ordered 4,000 bands for 1974; all paid in full. I have received a number of requests for dispensing the bands in full series. I can do this only for those who are ordering in advance and in 100's and 50's. Orders for less than 50 bands can not be worked out into full series. Also orders coming in later than the distribution date January 10th, can not be kept in the same series, as I can not fill for instance 20 bands out of one series, leave the rest and jump into another series. Again I would like to encourage all of you to order now, so I know if 4,000 bands is enough or not. Also, order your Futurity bands now. In both cases you do not have to pay now. Just reserve the number of bands you need for next year. This will help me in proper planning to meet the members needs.

1974 GRAND NATIONAL SHOW - Tim Kvidera and Dallas Davis are working and planning for this Show. Had a note from Bob Kennedy who is planning to ship some birds and possibly attend the Show. Also, David Bortell had previously mentioned that he is planning to attend the Show. If anyone else is making plans for this, please let me know.

NEW MEMBERS - Let's Welcome the following new members to our Club:

R.L. (Bob) Younts - 7924 Ascension Rd., Little Rock, Ark. 72204
Benny Roark - 702 Overstreet Rd., Fordyce, Ark. 71742
Edward Smith - 2021 Grantie St., Phila. Pa.

Bob Younts is an experienced Roller and Homer flyer who has switched to Flying Tipplers. I attended one of their meetings in Little Rock. Since then Bob and another fellow, James Morlock, have taken up Tipplers. James got his birds from Parc Hagan, and he also plans to join. I gave Bob Younts two pairs of Tipplers. He had kept them in a small coop for a few days, when one of the neighbor's children opened the door and let them out with the Rollers. They were lost for a week. The 8th day one pair returned. He said he was convinced at their homing ability.

Benny Roark is a Fantail fancier. He and his son have taken an interest in Tipplers. All these gentlemen have visited me a couple times, and we hope to get something going here in the future.

FLYING RULES - Ed Young and Bob Kennedy are working on the revision of our Fly Rules. Two of the more important subjects of issue are the "Dropper Rule" and the "Record Fly Rule". Mr. E.R. Ball of Canada has suggested the use of Tipplers in a Flypen and regular Droppers working outside, where the flying kit is not exposed to other Tipplers directly. Also, I have suggested having only one Timer for a record fly instead of two, but that the Time would have to be voted on by the membership before accepted as a record. Both are being under consideration.

To new members - We have run out of the current Fly Rules. Please bear with us until the new one is available.

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NEW FLYING REPORT FORM - The present Flying Report Cards are too thick and filing has become a serious problem for me. Also, it does not furnish enough information on a fly. The use of a regular sheet of paper may be the easiest solution. This new Form may cover the following information: If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

FLYING REPORT FORM

Official _____

Date _____

Honor _____

Loft _____

Address _____

Age of Kit: _____

Band No.'s - _____

Starting Time: _____

Dropper(s) : _____

Down: _____ A) All at the same time _____
(Time)_____ B) 1st Bird _____
(Time)

2nd Bird _____

3rd _____

Others: _____

Trapped at: _____

Bands Checked: Yers _____; No _____

Time Flown: _____

Timer: _____

Wheather: Wind _____; Temp. _____; Humidity _____; Sunshine _____; Rain. -

Comments: _____

RUE TEA - Bill Conboy reports that Rue Tea can be baught from Green Mountain Herbs - P.O. Box 2369, Boulder, Colorado, 80302; at \$7.11 per pound. He instructed to use a pinch per gallon of water boiled. Steeped for 10 minutes, cool and serve.

Also, Bob Funk is growing some Rue Tea in his back yard. It is interesting to see how this is going to turn out.

Rue tea is used by a number of British flyers as a drink during a feed-up. One of its properties is to cause a mild laxation.

INTERNATIONAL PIGEON SOCIETY - This is a World wide organization. Their aim is to bring closer contact for a mutual exchange of views, and promotion of good fellowship. There is no dues for membership. News-letters of the Society go out to all members. If anyone is interested in receiving their news-letter, write to: Pierre J.-J. Langlois - 3631 Lorne Crescent No.1, Montreal 130, P.Q., Canada. "The Pigeon World" can be ordered from the same source.

OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD - It is that time of the year again, that we honor one of our members by selecting him as an outstanding member for his contribution to the sport and the Club. For the past two years, I have had the pleasure of receiving this award. This is appreciated very much. I would like to ask for your consideration of others such as Harry Evans, who in the past two years has done a very fine job as our Central Timer. Mr. Robert Funk, President, who has put in many years with the club, and at the times when needed the most, has made the crucial decision for us.

Outstanding flyers, such as Tony Sinko, Bob Kennedy, Joe Rounbehler, and Bill Conboy, who have worked hard to promote better flying.

Ed Young, who has worked hard in bring the DVR club a long way and their closer working relationship with the FTA. And so many others that it is impossible for me to mention them all. Please cast your vote at the appropriate space provided below.

APJ GROUP SUBSCRIPTION - The annual rate for the APJ is \$4.00. We can get a group subscription for \$2.00 if we send an order as a group composed of eight or more. If interested, send your \$2.00 to me during this month.

ROSTER SUPPLEMENT - You may cut this and add to the bottom of your Roster for a complete listing of the membership.

 Fredrick, Bud - R.R. 1, River Oaks Village, Springfield, Ill. 62707
 Kowalski, Joe - 2619 E. Birch St., Phila. Pa. 19134
 Lackey, Michael R. - 14642 Fonthill Ave., Hawthorne, Calif., 90250
 McCarthy Jack H. - 8116 Yorktown Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., 90045
 Roark, Benny - 702 Overstreet Dr., Fordyce, Ark. 71742
 Smith, Edward - 2021 Grantie St., Phila., Pa
 Ybanez, Isidro Jr. - 1109 San Zeferino St., Rio Grande City, Texas 78582
 Younts, R.L. - 7924 Ascension Rd. Little Rock, Ark. 72204

Please write the name of the member of your choice in the blank provided and mail to me.

OUTSTANDING MEMBER _____

AN EXPERIENCE IN TIPPLER FLYING

by

E.R. Ball, Toronto, Canada

INTRODUCTION - (by: Nasser Shirakbari)

Many of the old-timers are familiar with the names of some of the great North American flyers such as Arthur DeClute, D.' Prud' homme, Edward Robinson and many other great flyers. Along with these names we have also learned of another name, E.R. Ball.

For sometime I have been wanting to tell you a few words about Bob Ball. Now is as good as any. To my knowledge, Bob Ball is the only surviving member from the Golden era of Tippler flying in Canada. Bob, like many of us, has had his ups and downs with the adversities of life, particularly his health. At this time, he is a quadraplegic, meaning he has no use of his arms and legs. Last year Bob fell off his wheelchair and struck his head on the ground causing an unbearable headache which has lasted off and on for sometime.

His lovely wife takes on the pleasure of letter writing for him and caring of the birds. Bob built his new loft by the aid of a Handy-Man. Then he imported two sets of birds from England. The first set turned out to be a bumer and he was token by the importee. The second set came from our own John Cullen. The youngsters bred are indeed very promising and once again I am happy to say Bob has overcome the adversities and is on the road to success, gladly he is on our team.

It is my pleasure to present the following write-up by Bob Ball, in a heart warming true story of one of his kit-birds on competition day under an awkward handicap. The year 1941; place Toronto, Canada.

I am just in the process of reading the 2nd installment of the article by Wm. G. Hoffman entitled "A Comparison of Tippler and Homer Flying" in the January issue. Needless to say, I enjoy this article very much as it gives me a lot more angles in my own little arguments for I have long maintained that all points considered the little Tippler is the better bird; for he has nothing to keep him flying only his training and breeding and I don't care how well the bird is bred or how well he may be trained after flying continuously for 8 to 10 hours. These birds are very tired and time after time they continue flying on for hours, waiting for the signal to come down. I know this to be a fact because I have flown Tipplers over 16 hours time and time again, although I was never fortunate enough to hold records even though on two occasions I broke the old bird record but was unable to get the birds down.

On one of these occasions one of the birds had the misfortune to get his foot caught behind the perch and when I arrived at the coop for noon Saturday, feed up before the race, I found the bird still hanging by his leg and upon removing it I found the leg to be very badly swollen. In fact, I would, I would say it was about the size of the index finger on your hand. I took the bird in the house; bathed its leg in warm water, applied a soothing oil, then put on a bandage which I also saturated with the same oil. I returned the bird to the ly coop, but of course he would not eat, being in such pain. I took the bird as gently as I could and hand fed it, gave it a drink of water. I returned the bird to its perch and shut the door, race day, 3:30 a.m. I again fed birds but he would not come down to feed. So I again hand fed, placed in water fountain

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hoping this would entice the bird down and he would pick up a bit more feed, being so early in the morning and being tired I put my head back against the wall and the next thing I knew the Official Timer woke me up and told me I had approximately 7 minutes before liberation time. In my excitement I grabbed hold of the bird, gave it a small drink by hand, put out in sun along with other two, as on a record fly we always liberate at day-break and I like to have the birds out in the sun 10 minutes or so before the race so that they can become accustomed to the semi-darkness. The timer informed me that it was time to start. I opened the trap door and never noticed until the birds were free that I had failed to remove the bandage, and believe it or not, the bird flew over 16 hours under all these handicaps.

I have yet to hear of a story in Tippler flying to equal this one, although this happened approximately 18 years ago there are still some of the old flyers around who can vouch for this to be a fact. I started to draw comparisons but I guess I was carried away. To return to my argument of Homer versus Tippler, the Homer has everything to urge him forward. If he is a young bird he has water and feed at home waiting for him. If an old bird he still has these three factors to draw him plus a mate, eggs or young ones and that is why I maintain the little Tippler is in my opinion the gamest.

I would like to have the opportunity of writing at a later date a little bit about a subject I am very much interested in, namely Pigeon-keeping for the handicapped, for I myself have been handicapped all my life and for the past 8 years confined to a wheelchair.

Ref. APJ, May 1959, Page 135.

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FALL SERIES FLYING REPORT - This Series should be named the Henry Bampffield Series of 73 as he stacked up three in the row, each time going over 11 hour mark. Our hatsoff to Henry for his consistantly good performances throughout the series. Many congratulations to you Henry.

In general the weather was good, only some fog, cloud and heavy wind at some parts of the Country that affected few flyers from one fly to next. The overall performance by the flyers should be termed as impressive. And I can not tell you how happy I am and how proud the Club is for your fine performances in this series. I try to recap each fly. In the 1st fly, Henry Bampffield of Delaware club, Phila, PA., used a kit of 2 yearlings, and one young to go 11 hours and 50 minutes, in a cool sunny day. The kit flew at a good height in a nice style. He used the same kit in the succeeding flys. Bob Kennedy came 2nd with 11 hours and 38 minutes, also in a cool and clear day. His kit flew at extreme height all day except the last couple hours. In the Honor system David Bortell had another good high-flying day of 7 hours and 3 minutes. E.R. Ball flew a five-bird kit, four of which flew 12 hours and 6 minutes, but one bird had dropped at 7-52. A tough one for Bob. My kit was finally released after a long delay due to moving low clouds and heavy fog. Birds were seen only for 10 minutes then they entered the clouds when last seen.

In the second fly, Henry Bampffield scored another win flying 11 hours and 34 minutes. But this time he had to get it the hard way. A strong wind kept the kit from going up, but they stayed low and continued all day in a hard nose fly. They were broken into split 3 times due to forcefull wind, but they got together within the split time to continue for another good finish. Meantime Don Zink and Bill Conboy carving into the hours and closing in on Henry with their Times of 10 hours and 52 minutes, and 10 hours and 6 minutes each respectively. Don had a nice weather, but Bill had a somewhat strong wind of 15-20 KNOTS, and blowing down in the evening. Good fly by all 3 kits. In the Honor System, this time E.R. Ball used only 3 of the previous 5, reducing the odds of mishaps and getting his first win since his come-back. He flew 3 young birds 11 hours and 26 minutes. Congratulations to Bob.

The last fly of the season turned out to be a hot one with 8 kits going over 10 hours, and 3 kits missed for an overfly. But then Henry Bampffield having a cool finish of 11 hours and 19 minutes. Bob Rotschi 10 hours & 58 minutes; Don Zink 10 hours & 53 minutes; Joseph Prochilo 10 hours & 35 minutes; Tony Sinko 10 hours & 19 minutes. Congratulations to all these gentlemen for a job well done. Joe Rounbehler could not drop his kit at 5:30 p.m.; Bob Kennedy throw droppers at 4:57 p.m., but missed the kit; and Bill Conboy throw droppers at 5:05 p.m., having gone over 11, but could not drop. In the Honor class, E.R. Ball had another good fly of 10 hours and 25 minutes in a poor weather condition and rain.

On the flying results mailed to each flyer, Tony Sinko and E.R. Ball were reported as "No Report", their cards arrived late. However the cards were postmarked monday following the fly day, and the late report was due to postal service. So, their flys were godda and accepted. This should wrap up the 1973 flying year. It was a good year, good participation and good flying. Now we can look forward to the breeding season, then another flying season with many hopefull wishes ahead of us.

APJ GROUP SUBSCRIPTION - If you order your APJ under our group plan, your cost will be \$2.00 instead of \$4.00 - send your order to me.

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FLYING RESULTS

Sept. 29, 30

<u>FLYER</u>	<u>TIMES FLOWN</u>	<u>TIMER</u>
Henry Bampffield	11 hrs 50 mins.(Trophy & Dipl)	Ed Young
Robert C. Kennedy	11 hrs 38 mins (Diploma)	Don Zink
Don Zink	6 hrs 37 mins	Elmer Randall
Joseph Prochilo	5 hrs 18 mins	Tony Sinko
Svend Hansen	5 hrs 14 mins	Earl Grollman
Bill Conboy	4 hrs 52 mins	Pat Organ
J&M Rounbehler	4 hrs 08 mins	J.R. Smith
Ed Young	3 hrs 55 mins	Henry Bampffield
Bob Rotschi	3 hrs 10 mins	A. DeCosimo
Angelo DeCosimo	1 hr. 00 mins	R.P. Rotschi
Tony Sinko	Disq. (Late report)	J. Prochilo
Bob Coppola	Disq. (No report)	
Vic Jendzo	Disq. (No report)	

HONOR SYSTEM

DavidB Bortell	7 hrs 03 mins (Trophy)	Tom Skrowski
Tim Kvidera	2 hrs 30 mins	Flyer
E.R. Ball	Disq. (Could not drop in the hour)	Mrs. Ball & Flyer
Nasser Shirakbari	Disq. (Loss of kit)	Flyer

FLYING RESULTS - Oct. 13, 14, 1973

Henry Bampffield	11 hrs 34 mins (Trophy & Dip)	Ed Young
Don Zink	10 hrs 52 mins (Diploma)	Bob Kennedy
William Conboy	10 hrs 06 mins (Diploma)	Pat Organ
Bob Rotschi	4 hrs 12 mins	A. Decosimo
A. DeCosimo	1 hr 05 mins	R.P. Rotschi
J&M Rounbehler	Disq - 1 bird dropped and missed the other four.	J.R. Smith
Bob Kennedy	Disq - No start	Flyer
John R. Smith	Disq - 1 dropped, missed the other 2	J&M Rounbehler
Joseph Prochilo	Disq - Kit hit out of bound	Tony Sinko
Svend Hansen	Disq - No report	
Tony Sinko	Disq - No report	
Bob Coppola	Disq - No report	
Vic Jendzo	Disq - No report	
Ed Young	Disq - No report	

HONOR SYSTEM

E.R. BALL	11 hrs 26 mins(Trophy&Diploma)	Flyer
Tim Kvidera	4 hrs 24 mins	Flyer
David Bortell	Disq - No start	Flyer
Nasser Shirakbari	Disq - Late report	Flyer

AWARDS - The Fall Series Trophies and Diplomas will be sent out toward the end of this month.

DEATH - Emil Selanu of New York recently died. He has been a Tipplerman for over 50 years. Our sympathy to his family and friends.

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FLYER	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Henry Bampffield	11 hrs 19 mins(Troph&Dip)	Eddie Smith
Robert Rotschi	10 hrs 58 mins(Diploma)	A. DeCosimo
Don Zink	10 hrs 53 mins(Diploma)	Elmer Randall
Joseph Prochilo	10 hrs 35 mins(Diploma)	Tony Sinko
Tony Sinko	10 hrs 19 mins(Diploma)	J. Prochilo
Ed Young	6 hrs 06 mins	H. Bampfild
Angelo DeCosimo	2 hrs 16 mins	R.P. Rotschi
J&M Rounbehler	Disq- Could not drop kit	J.R. Smith
Robert Kennedy	Disq- Could not drop kit	Don Zink
William Conboy	Disq- Could not drop kit	Pat Organ & Richard Albin
Svend Hansen	Disq - No report	
Bob Coppola	Disq - No report	
Victor Jendzo	Disq - No report	

HONOR SYSTEM

E.R. Ball	10 hrs 25 mins(Troph&Dip)	Flyer
David Bortell	5 hrs 52 mins	Paulette Potter
Tim Kvidera	4 hrs 02 mins	Flyer
Nasser Shirakbari	4 hrs 01 mins	Flyer

NEW MEMBERS - We would like to Welcome two new members:

Manuel Delgado - 706 Kensington, Delano, Calif. 93215
Tibor Kovacs - 6524 Quebec No., MPLS Minn., 55428

BANDS - I have received our 1974 bands from Gay Tag & Band Co. - all in good shape. Please order your bands ahead of time, so I won't be burdened by many rush orders. Also those of you who plant to fly the Futurity, let me know the how many bands you will need. Honor System flyers may also have their own Futurity pot at the same schedule. So let me know how many bands you would want. The cost is \$1.00 per band for both system.

1974 Grand National Show - Both Tim Kvidera and Dallas Davis are looking forward in seeing as many of you as can make it there, and to show your birds. There will be four classes: Old cock, Old Hen, Young Cock, and Young Hen and a Champion. The Club will provide an award for each Class, and a Trophy for the Champion. The entry fee is \$1.50 per bird. Your entry blank is enclosed.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND - By: E.R. Ball, Canada

Mr. John Cullen of Bristol England just won the NTU's 5-bird National Flying Competition. He also won the aggregate cup for 7 competitions. Mr. Cullen was recently voted as Secretary of the NTU for the coming year. This is quite an undertaking for any man, but John is Welcoming the opportunity to serve the NTU and I am sure he will do a good job.

FTA congratulates Mr. John Cullen for his flying accomplishments in 1973 and wishes him success on his new responsibility as NTU's Secretary.

Nasser

FTA BULLETIN

DECEMBER 1973

This year is coming to an end. What type of year did we have? Better than last year and the year before, and by far better than previous years. The club is financially sound, the membership good, the awards worthwhile, the efforts and the performances justify better awards. The participation in flys has increased considerably, and so has the enthusiasm for tougher competition.

In the midts of all these good happenings, the club is willing and I am willing to continue my services and efforts to work with you and make things better for your enjoyment of this sport. A look in the immediate past in terms of flying, lets say we were behind in Time. We took a large step and began to hit 10 and 12 last year and repeated the same this year and more often, then touched 13 plus, but not often enough. Also let's keep in mind that we did'nt do well in the young bird series. So the goal should be set at 13 and 14. It will take a lot of thinking, planning, good breeding and good training. We've got plenty of time for it, but should start thinking now.

We have been indirectly and repeatedly challenged and invited to a friendly competition with the German Club, the past couple years. I have ignored it since I felt we were not ready. Perhaps we are not ready yet, but I think we have scrimaged enough. We can get in the game and make a good showing if nothing else. In this type of National competition, usually the members of the winning team will receive a Diploma from the opposing Club. I would like to hear from the following regarding this:
 Tony Sinko, Victor Jendzo, Joe Rounbehler, William Conboy, Don Zink, Bob Kennedy, Henry Bampffield, and E.R. Ball.

In the past couple years, we have established a sound Award policy based on incentives. Now we should take into account the overall performance and participation, awarding an aggregate trophy. The main idea is to encourage participation in all flys and secondly consistant flying. Our objective is to promote better flying, and we have the means to support it, so I don't think anyone would object to this. Now let's look at this year's top 5 aggregates:

OFFICIAL

Don Zink	63-06
Bob Rotschi	44-45
Bill Conboy	41-24
Henry Bampffield	34-43
Joseph Prochilo	30-02

HONOR

David Bortell	36-05
E.R. Ball	21-51
Nasser	16-21
Joe Kelley	12-03
Tim Kvidera	10-56

Our minimum flying requirement for a trophy is six hours and Don Zink has averaged over 7 hours, well worthy of recognition and a trophy. Congratulations to Don.

DIPLOMAS PENDING -- I did not send out the Fall Series Trophy and Diplomas since I ran into technical problems when I started on them. Please understand I am not trying to be picky. In the past I had to re-do some diplomas for inaccurate information at hand. I request the following flyers send me the needed informations

Bob Rotschi - Fly date, 10/27

1. One of the band numbers is not clear. Is it FTA 73-3098 or 3099?
2. Report card was dated 9/27

Don Zink - 10/27

The birds were 1973 birds. What are the FTA band numbers?

Joseph Prochilo - 10/28

NPA band numbers usually have other letters such as AA, AE etc.
What are yours on NPA 71-366 & NPA 72-592.

TONY Sinko - 10/28

What are your letters on NPA 72-152

Bob Kennedy - 9/30

Young birds - What are the FTA band numbers

David Bortell - 10/14

Club letters and year on 683, 684, 692, 693, 4314, 4318

Don Zink - 10/14

FTA band numbers on ATU 73 - 365, 366, 358

As soon as all these informations are in, I'll send the awards out.

LOCAL FLYING TIPPLER SHOW - I was asked to show some Tipplers at the Little Rock Pigeon Club Show on November 4th. Bob Younts one of our new members, James Morlock, a potential FTA member and myself each showed 4 or 5 birds in two classes, Cocks, and Hens, results:
Cocks - 1st Nasser; 2nd Bob Younts; 3rd Nasser; 4th Bob Younts
Hens - 1st Nasser; 2nd James Morlock; 3rd Nasser
Champion - Nasser, with a Black check Lovatt cock, receiving a trophy donated by James Morlock.

The Judge was Mr. William O. Harvey of Little Rock Pigeon Club. Mr. Harvey is mentioned in Bob Funk's Article in History in the Tippler Special. William Harvey was one of the first to import Flying Tipplers from Canada and helped Bob Funk to get started. Mr. Harvey is the owner of a book called "THE TIPPLER FOR EXHIBITION AND FLYING" by B.H. Wedgwood. He went through the trouble and the expense in making photographic copy of this book, which was given to me. I am highly gratified in receiving this copy. This book illustrate some Light Mottle, Dark Mottle and Chuck in its finest. It was a pleasure to chat with this fine gentleman.

OUTSTANDING MEMBERSHIP AWARD - Our congratulations to William Conboy for being voted as outstanding member. Bill will receive a Diploma from NPA. The voting was as follows:

William Conboy	4
Harry Evans	2
Bob Kennedy	1
Ed Young	1
Don Zink	1
Nasser	1

APJ GROUP SUBSCRIPTION - We need two more subscribers before we can qualify to get the reduced rate of \$2.00 per year. I will wait until Dec. 15th. Lets hear from few more.

RULES - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. E.R. Ball has asked some questions that may be of interest to all of us.

1. Is a honor flyer eligible to fly in the Futurity fly. If so, what prices are the bands? is there a limit number of bands per member?
2. Is an Honor flyer eligible to try for a record if he has a member in good standing acting as Timer and he has given the Secretary and Central Timer a notice 5 days prior to the fly.

Rules I would like to have discussed by Rules Committee with view of changing same.

3. The 5 day notice to try for record fly. I propose this to be a 4-day notice. My reason being as far as I am able to ascertain, the majority of flyers including myself are flying the Lovatt system, Ofield system, or Matthews system. Everyone of these schedules call for the birds to be liberated the 4th day before fly day; e.g., if fly day is Sunday, you fly Wednesday for the last time. If Saturday, fly Tuesday for last time. In view of this schedule, I would say it is impossible for the flyer to state whether he will or not fly because he has no way of knowing for sure what will happen the last time his birds go out prior to the fly.

4. I would also like to propose a change be made in Rule #29 which is the 2½-hour Rule. e.g., If a flyer's birds go on a ramble for 2 hours and 25 minutes, then come on sight of the Timer's eyes, keep right on going until they are no longer visible. Flyer then only has the remaining 5 minutes to see his birds or be disqualified. I propose this Rule to read "Should flyer's birds be seen anytime after liberation during the 1st 2½ hours, he is to have an hour from that time onward to see his birds.

5. Mr. Ball previously have suggested to me that the Futurity fly to become a "Nominated Futurity". That is the flyer will select as many bands as he wished for the Futurity from his regular bands. He'll send me the selected band numbers and the fee. Also a deadline is set for the selection period.

ANSWERS

1. Honor flyers may arrange for a Futurity fly of their own so long as it is not mixed up with the Official flyers. Our rate is \$1.00 per band, and no limitation on number of bands purchased.

You can count on me for 6-10 bands. If you take the same, and others a few bands, then we us a nice competition. As to the distribution, either I send the bands as I always have, or we'll do it as you proposed if this was accepted by the Rules Committee.

2. An Honor member may try to set Official record if he can meet the requirements of the official system as follows:

To inform the Central Timer and the Secretary 5 days prior to the fly.

To Secure two(2) Judges who can meet the requirements of the "Timer" as defined in article 5, sec. 2 of the Constitution and by Laws:

a Tipplerman(not just anyone who has paid \$5.00 dues); FTA MEMBER in good standing; not related to the flyer by blood or marriage; not loft partner.

The fly may start and continue at the presence of the 1st Timer. The 2nd Timer is called in when possibility of a record fly has been established. This does not mean that you could not have both Timers there at all times. Just so the last portion and particularly the finish is witnessed

by two qualified Timers.

Just off the record I would like to recall your attention to Mr. Prud' Homme record fly that took place in the same manner. The kit CFTS 55-503, 504, 518 was doing well at 10 weeks of age. Flew 13-17 on June 12, 1955 but got disqualified for hawk scaring off one bird that remained out of sight over 3 hours. Then the kit made a comeback on June 26 to win the young bird trophy by going 13 hours 10 minutes. Then the attempt was arranged by contacting the Secretary and the date was set for July 10th, liberation 5:30 a.m. with Harold Boston the referee. The fly took place on schedule and the kit going well. In the early part of afternoon it was apparent the kit will go on till dark. The club President George Daly was called in. Both witnessed the remainder of the fly. The droppers were thrown out at 9:28 and the kit was dropped at 9:36

I admit this is an ideal arrangement for a record fly and no one in the World can contest its validity. However it implicate such difficulties as getting two Timers and also what about the scheduled flies when there is usually one Timer at hand and others are tied up in their own flies. This is why I have requested to the Rules Committee acceptance of only one Timer for a record fly but that the time to be voted on by the membership before accepted as a record. This is how the ATU club does it, and it is practical. In the past we ended up choking the sport almost to death by trying to make it perfect. We can not find perfect anything and we can not find a perfect flying system. Make it practical and it will survive, grow and bring pleasure to many, and that is what it is all about.

3. Four day notice or five day notice should not be a big issue for far as I am concerned. In either case you will have to call on the phone rather than to write. I am sure Rules committee have read your suggestion and are considering it. Meantime I suggest you comply with the Rule.

You hit the Bull's eye on the 2½-Rule. I agree with you whole hartedly. I have always thought of the same thing that you just brought up. I believe the intentions were good. Here after the first hour and half, the flyer find himself more limited as if he was on the hourly bases. In essence this Rule says that your birds must be on sight at that exact time of 2½, even though they were seen a minute ago. Poorly worded and the one-hour Rule overlooked. Your clause should be added on to the Rule or the entire thing rewarded, taking the one-hour Rule in considration.

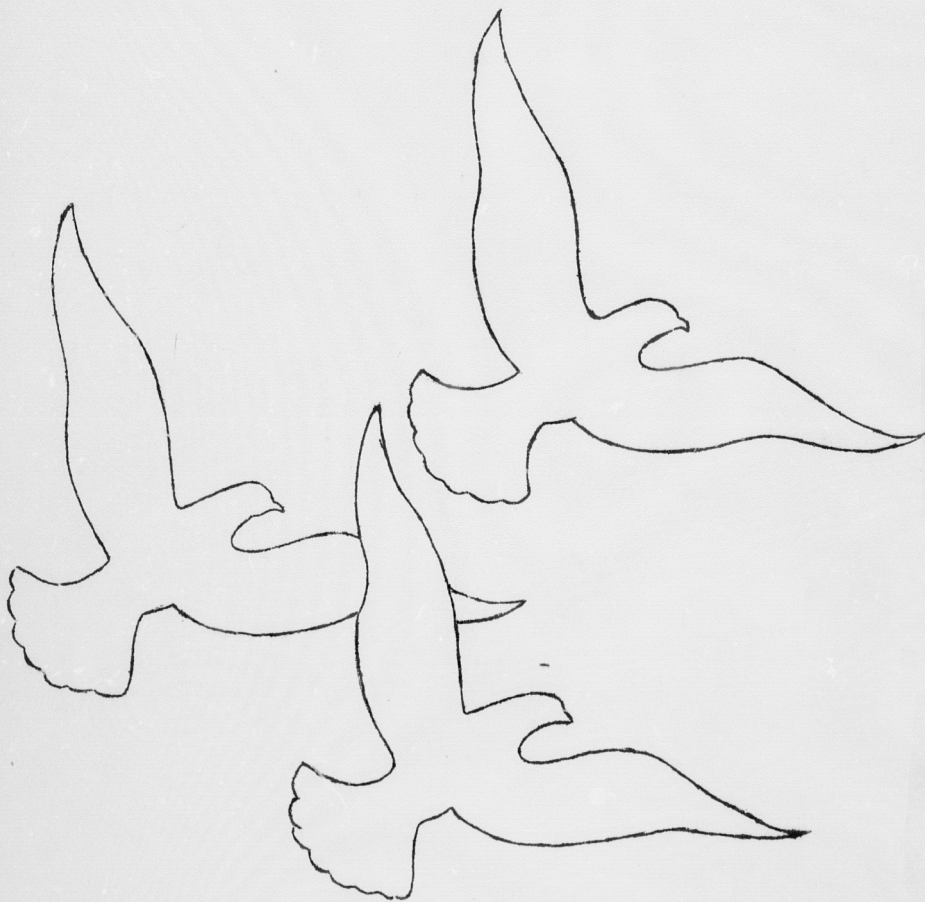
4. The Nominated Futurity will certainly relieve me from a lot of extra work, It makes it possible for more flyers to come up with a kit, and it does not take the challenge out of it, since they will have a deadline in selecting their bands etc. - Its all the same, less complications.

On behalf of the FTA officers, I wish all of you members a happy enjoyable 1974.

Nasser

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JANUARY 1974

Now we begin another year. We wish you a healthy, happy and successful year. A check mark in your bulletin will indicate that you are due payment for membership. On the next page you will find an article written by Mr. John Cullen, and prepared by the DVRFTC Club for publication in bulletin. We thank Mr. Cullen for his contribution. In the near future I will prepare a set of questions and forward to Mr. Cullen. It will be published in the bulletin for everyone's benefit. Also we will continue with discussion of Rules so we can all learn and come to same interpretations.

FLYING SCHEDULE - Changes are being considered on the flying schedule as follows: To start the Spring Series two weeks earlier than we usually do. That is instead of April 27, 28, moving ahead to April 13, 14. The idea is to take advantage of the cooler and windy days of Spring. Usually by the Official Sunrise and Sunset, there is 13½ hours of daylight at this time. Taking into account that one can start 10 to 15 minutes before Sunrise, and finish 10-15 minutes after Sunset without significant problem with darkness, This would make the available daylight at 14 hours at April 27-28. By moving ahead two weeks in April, we will lose 15 minutes on daylight. The Records of the past couple years have shown that we have done best in the early Season when it was cool. Also we should fly right on through with the Young Bird Series. By then, there is plenty of day light and by moving ahead, the chances of getting a cool day is better. Here the Futurity fly has to be the second Y.B. Fly and the Long-Day has to be the last fly to actually give us the Week-End nearest to the Longest day of the year. The Fall Series remain the same. So this is how it shapes up:

OLD BIRDS(Spring) - April 13-14, May 27-28, May 11-12
YOUNG BIRDS(Summer) May 25-26, June 8-9(FUTURITY), June 22-23(LONG DAY)
MIXED KIT(Fall) - Sept. 28-29, Oct. 12-13, Oct. 26, 27

This schedule should help us to do better flying. Think it over during this month and let me know what you think.

BANDS - For those of you who have already ordered your bands, I was able to work it in the same series without much difficulty. There were only few difficult numbers ordered such as 20, 30, & 40 which I was able to work around them. Please all of you order in multiples of 25, such as 25, 50, 100 etc. This will be very much appreciated.

CENTRAL TIMER - I am sorry to say that we will not be able to have Mr. Harry Evans as our Central Timer this year. He is assuming extra responsibilities at work, making it impossible to be Central Timer again. We appreciated his good work for the past two years. We need a Volunteer for the job.

NEW MEMBERS - Let's Welcome the following gentlemen to our club:

Gordon D. Kelley - 328 Dupont Dr., Greenville, S.C. 29607

Danny Suarez - 89-21-127 St., Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11418

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION - It was asked how this will be conducted? Actually I don't know. This is how I would like to see it done. Make it an "OPEN FLY" where everyone has a crack at it. Taking our 3 to 5 top times compared with theirs as aggregate. The Last Spring fly should be the best time, giving us both the needed daylight hours and possibly some cool weather. It is possible that the "Timers" have to be certified. Let me hear from all of you what do you think?

RUE TEA - Bill Conboy have offered to send the members a small sample of Rue Tea enough for 3 try-outs. If you would like to receive a sample, drop him a line. Perhaps you should send him a self addressed envelope and stamp.

Nasser

To all American Tippler Fanciers I have for some while been a friend of Ed Young and Bob Ball (Canada) and I have had the honor of being a member of you're club from whom I have regularly received News Letters, there fore, I feel it is time I contributed something. The only way I know is to write an article giving advice based upon the things I have learnt from some famous English Fanciers many of whom are my close friends, and also that have passed on.

Every word uttered by these men was hastily written down in a book that became my "Pigeon Bible" and from it sprang what success I have had with my birds.

I sincerely hope you will accept that I am writing beliefs and ideas that have for me worked out, and I realize many have different ones, so I state only what I believe.

First thing I found out was the need to pick the correct type of flying bird and all from one family. I have tried crosses with a number of different birds of proven quality and none has been any use.

My ideal flyer is a medium size, it must be well proportioned i.e. not a deep keel but one that is long, extending well down to the vent. Invariably a deep keel goes away short and the bird appears to be all tail; and will usually fly with a semi fanned tail. I always find them to be out of balance and never breed or keep them. Color is of some importance, in as much as I have always mated a light colored bird to a dark one. This has given me better colors and avoiding any strain on family from going recessive or light colored. As a result, most of my birds are Blue, Blue white flighted and occasionally Print.

So on to training and feeding: I feed in training, a mixture of Barley, wheat and Dari, to old birds the quantities are half barley, one quarter each of the other two. But to young birds I use an even amount of each.

I train my old birds to dark and, allowing for weather, expect about five hours plus. I fly them one day then give them two days in, and so on till one week from the competition. Then I push them into every other day up to the last out which is three days from the fly, and I always salt them a week before and feed a four day feed starting on the evening of their last outing.

I don't think the feed up is as important as many seem to think, provided birds are doing all you ask of them in training then a feed is not a decisive factor.

I will give you some idea of how I feed using a system of the Larger Heavier food being used first and going down to light food on the last night. I also feel timing is important on the last night. I feed about seven hours before liberation.

And now a general four night feed starting Wednesday after flying. First I leave them in clean pens for half an hour to cool down. Then 1 teaspoon full each of Peas (maple vetch) wheat barley and canary seed followed by fresh water. Thursday 1 teaspoonful each Peas vetch wheat mixed seed and canary seed followed by water plus a few drops of iron tonic. Friday 1 teaspoonful each Peas barley dari millet seed black rape, followed by water plus a few drops of Iron tonic. Saturday (seven hours before liberation) 1 canary, 1 millet, 1 hemp, 1 maize and fresh water. I always leave the water with them on the last night. This allows them the chance to drink on fly morning before going out if wanted.

I must state now that this is how I feed, though I vary it sometimes, I always keep to the peas on the first three nights and lighter food there after.

I usually find the birds leaving a little on the last two nights and this has always proved a good sign, as I have always had a good fly when this has been the case.

Though I never use linseed in my feeds, I give them it once a week (1 teaspoonful) on a night they have been out flying.

Now a word on the method I adopt when training to dark. When we arrive at about five or six weeks from the first fly of the year, I single pen the birds and feed only barley, one day cocks the next hens they go in the flight, as evening nears I put out the droppers and turn on the lights, after a couple of hours of this I get them in and feed them.

Then after three weeks of this: I start them flying. It is then you must use great care for as the light starts to fade, I put out the droppers and the electric light, Now as time passes, I let them fly just a little later, and at the end of about two weeks they are flying just to dark. Then as the season goes on, they get more and more used to the dark, This I listen to add is the method I use for yearlings that have never seen the light. I don't bother with training youngsters to lights, but I have friends that have done so successfully.

Once my birds start moulting I stop them flying and allow them nothing but the best food until moulting is complet. We in England never fly the old birds after the end of June until the following March, and again as young ones start body mauling we stop them and give them the best to enable them to develop into strong healthy yearlings.

In 1973, I flew 18-58 with old birds and 13-15 with 5 youngsters. These being my best times for the season. We held six old bird competitions and I flew down into dark on every one of them, so I think my systems are pretty accurate. I do hope this last statement is expected as an illustration and not a little boasting, as I would not wish to give you the wrong impression.

So finally, I say that I sincerely hope I have helped some of you a little, as indeed this was what I set out to do. If any of you wish further explanations, write me and I'll help if I can.

Who knows, maybe one day I shall have the chance to visit you're great Country and fulfill an ambition to meet friends I have already made and some I hope to make.

My best regards to you all,

John Cullen
5 Burnside Close
Southmead Bristol England

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FTA BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 1974

✓ A check mark in this section will indicate that you are Due or overdue membership renewal.

What is involved in getting a bulletin out? Write it, making corrections, cutting the stensils, running them off, staple the pages, then folding them, placing my address on them, stamping, writing you address, then mailing them. I have been fortunate in having Betty Kay and Robbie to help me do this. I have looked for way in making the job easier so we will be able to continue this service. Writing your addresses in long hand for 80 to 90 members can become a painful job for whoever does it. Recently Perc Hagan suggested that I shoul cut the addresses on a stensil and run it off on sheets of gummed lables, enough quantities to last a year. To do this, I must establish the 1974 roster so we will know whose addresses to cut for 1974. Those of you who were due renewal in January and plan to stay with the club, please send your renewal fee as soon as possible during this month so I can cut the stensils and run the labels for the remainder of the year.

In many occassions a Secretary can not wait until the last minute to do something. He should know what he is to do and when, and prepare for it ahead of time. Such is the case with bands, fly schedule, Fly Rules, etc. In all these cases, you can help a great deal by doing your individual share and responding when the request is made. Your cooperation make it possible to run the club efficiently.

FLY SCHEDULE DISCUSSION - In the last bulletin it was mentioned of the possible change in fly date in favor of moving it ahead by two weeks for Old and Young bird series. I was pleased to see several flyers responded by expressing their thoughts on the subject. This was my proposed schedule from the last bulletin:

SPRING(Old Birds) - April 13-14; May 27-28; May 11-12

Summer(Young Birds) - May 25-26; June 8-9(Futurity); June 22-23(Long Day)

FALL(Mixed Kit) - Sept. 28-29; Oct. 12-13; Oct 26-27

Here is the thoughts expressed by some flyers:

ED YOUNG - Suggests that we shoul move ahead another week than was shown above and start from the first weekend in April. Increasing the Old Bird flies to four, and reducing the Fall fly to two, as follows:

SPRING - April 6-7; April 20-21; May 4-5; May 18-19

SUMMER - May 25-26; June 8-9(Futurity); June 22-23(Long Day)

FALL - Sept. 28-29; Oct. 12-13

HENRY BAMPFIELD - States "as for the flies they look good, except for the Spring flies; April 14 is Easter and May 12 is Mother's day. May be with these two flies there won't be too many that will fly these dates. He gives the same four dates for Spring as suggested by Ed Young.

ROBERT PRISCO - Also sends the same shedule as Ed Young. He said I feel they would benefit all members if we as a club consider it.

Joseph Prochilo - I think the fly schedule you set up in the January bulletin is a good one. If we do use this shedule, I think the 1st Spring fly rather than the last should be the International competition. This way we would at least be able to match their time of about 14 hours.

DAVID BORTEL - I am looking forward to flying this Spring. If you jump up the fly dates for Spring flies, I may have to fly in the snow. But I can understand for you fellows farther South.

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BOB KENNEDY - If we are to start April 13-14, we would have to start to train our birds about the 15th of March. We still might have snow at that time. He said Vic Jendzo, Pop Buraczewski, Stanley Ogozalek, Don Zink also feel the same way. We should schedule the same way we always have.

E.R. BALL - I believe our club is big enough and sound enough to adapt a proper flying schedule. For the English, the German and any club I have ever flown in, always have the same shedule and that was 4 or 5 Old Bird flys, starting in April. After this 4 or 5 Young Bird flys in which no old birds could compete. In the CNTA in which I am a past President, we also had a stock fly which called for a kit of 10 birds or over.

EDWARD BURACZEWSKI - 1. Weather conditions such as snow in March could be a handicap to the birds and flyers.

he mentions of overflys, loss of kit and difficulty in replacing it.
2. If you wish to compete in the first young fly, you will have to put birds together in the beginning of January to have youngsters by the 2nd week of February. Birds together Jan 14-19; Eggs Jan 21-26; Hatch Feb. 10-15; Start training 6 to 8 weeks after (March 18-April 5). This allows no more than two to three weeks of training maximum. For the week of April 8 to 13, you're on a feed-up with hpoefully, 3 kit birds that will perform well. 3. If bads are received on Jan 12 and , anticipating the changes in the flys, you could have put the breeders together in December planning on youngsters in the 2nd or 3rd week of January. This would help in the young bird flys but not in the old bird or Spring flys. I don't think this change should be made without careful consideration and opinions of the flyers, not the onlookers, because this effects only the flyers. Ithe change is approved by a majority of the members, it should not take effect until the 1975 season.

ANALYSIS - While the snow seems to be the apparent issue with the New York flyers, it seems to be of no concern with the Delaware flyers, in as much as both are closely related in the over all weather picture. As noted E.R. BALL indicated that Canadian club (CNTA) scheduled 4 or 5 flys with old birds starting in April. Certainly you would agree if there was any snow problem, they should have it before we do. Therefore the matter of snow in March questionable at this time and something we should look into. While Ed Buraczewski's breakdown in dates for laying eggs, hatching, and growth are accurate, but the fact is that we do not fly Young birds in old bird series. In both prposed shedules the young bird flys don't strart until the last weekend in May which is 25-26th. According to those dates that would give the flyer a minimum of 8 weeks to settle and train a young bird kit. At this time the youngsters are 14 to 16 week old. Many records have been set with young birds at this age. Therefore two month's work with young birds should be ample time to get something going.

I agree with Ed Buraczewski that the flyers should decide on this by voting or their verbal approval to me, and put into effect the following year. Now lets look at the English Schedule. This is the last year's:

OLD BIRDS - April 1st; April 22; May 20th; June 17th

Young birds - July 1st; August 5th; August 26th

As you note their first three old bird dates are equivalent to three of our old bird dates proposed by Ed Young. However, with young birds they fly right on to the heart of the Summer. At this point it seems that their young birds are more mature than ours. Not so much, perhaps by a week. let's examine the situation. To the best of my understanding the English usually pair-up their birds about Mid-February. Eggs Feb. 25; hatch March 16; into fly coop April 20 or 27th (5 or 6 weeks of age); settling and training thereafter, which would be approximately 9 weeks to the start of the first official fly.

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In conclusion, the 1974 schedule will remain the same as always and shall be sent out in the next bulletin. During the next couple months we will finalize the proposed changes and the schedule that is accepted by vote of flyers will be put into effect in 1975.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION - I had mentioned to you of a possible fly with the German Flying Tippler Union (DFU). The general response of the flyers was good. Mostly the attitudes were such that the least we could do is to lose. One of our well informed members wrote the following:

You had asked if we should or should not hold a fly in conjunction with the German club. I tell you quite frankly in my opinion, NO; we are not ready for these fellows yet. To me they are a nice bunch of chaps, but just out for added glory and a tip of a hat at our expense. They have made fantastic improvement in the last 2 years. Five years prior to this, they were buying up all the good flying birds possible in England. In fact whenever there was a record achieved, it was not too long before a German representative was on the spot offering to buy the record birds at good prices, or a certain amount of young birds still at good prices. Until today I would say if they are not on a par with the English fanciers, they certainly are not far behind. In the old bird flies 16-17 hours today is quite common. The young bird flies are always around 13-14 hours and even better. On this basis I believe you will agree that we are not quite ready yet..... I believe I am as good a sport as the other fellows but can't see entering a contest where I am almost sure we would be bound to take a good beating.

Speaking of good beating I looked into this a bit farther and found out the above statement happens to be true. In the last few years I have not been keeping up with them. The last I recall, they were doing about 6-10 hours. At that time our flyers were doing around 4, 5, 6 and occasional 8 and 9 hours. This, we are speaking of 4 to 5 years ago. We in the last couple years have doubled our time hitting 10, 11, 12; and so they have too. Here is couple of their Y.B. results:

DFU (by Hans Reich) - July 29th - 1. Teschendorff, Luebeck 16-29; 2. Kahnwald, Soltau 16-12; 3. Scharf, Stockheim 16-07; 4. Gaul, Hamburg 15-52; 5. Trenkle, Luebeck 15-36; 6. Nasemann, Bad Wildungen 14-37; 7. Grubert, Braunschweig 11-05; 8. Reich Leeste 11-05.....etc.

August 18-19(Y.B.) - 1. Kahnwald, Soltau 16-48; 2. Teschendorff, Luebeck 15-12; 3. Trenkle, Luebeck 15-06.....etc.

I think at this time we are in a period of uphill climb in flying progress. With young birds we have not done anything worthwhile at a steady rate. With old birds we are doing fair in comparison. So, lets see what type of progress we'll make in the next couple years, then we'll take it from there.

FTA GRAND NATIONAL SHOW - It was reported that Dallas Davis did an outstanding job of Judging. Also Tim Kvidera did a very fine job in running the show and looking after the birds and related business matters. I had indicated to Tim as to what we had in mind regards trophies and he purchased some good ones at a good price. He purchased four 12 inch trophies and a larger champion trophy for a total of \$26.00 which is very good. There were 35 entries, so we should receive \$17.50 on rebate and the club will cover the other \$8.50. All in all turned out to be a good affair for the publicity the FTA received and new friends made through Tim and Dallas.

The exhibitors were: Powers, Kennedy, Kvidera, Zakarian, Vizenor. Results of the first five placements are:

OLD COCK (14) - Powers; Kennedy(Bob); Kennedy; Kennedy; Kennedy

OLD HEN (10) - Kennedy; Kvidera; Kennedy; Kvidera; Kennedy

YOUNG COCK (5) - Kvidera; Kennedy; Kennedy; Zakarian; Powers

Young HEN (6) - Kvidera; Kvidera; Powers; Kvidera; Kennedy

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Grand Champion Flying Tippler - Tim Kvidera, Young Cock FTA 73 2810

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Carried over from 1972	\$282. 15
Income; 1973 (Dues, Bands, Flying fees etc.	839. 66
Total	1121. 81

EXPENSES: 1973

Flying Trophies	\$170.78
1974 Bands	135.00
1974 APJ Adv.	84.24
General Expenses	181.90
Total... 571.92	571.92
Balance	549.89

Error in book-keeping, less 1.20

Closing book Balance 1973 548.69

The present book balance is \$684.51. The only outstanding bill is the one from Grand National trophies, which I just received.

NEW MEMBERS - We are pleased to announce the following as new members:

James F. Smith - NFD1, Box 43, Norwich, Conn. 06360
W.E. Fenton - P.O. Box 128, Cannington, Ontario, Canada
James Frey - 120 Garden St., Hoboken, New Jersey
Bill Newbold - 1358 Susquehanna Ave., Phila. PA. 19125
Gilbert Bellamy (Junior member)
8 Camellia Way, Mona Heights, Jamaica, West Indies

We regret to inform you that Mrs. Gloria Funk, our President's wife passed away a few weeks ago. Our sympathy and thoughts are with him and his family.

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of past bulletins.*

FTA BULLETIN

MAY 1974

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During the month of April I received a number of letters and phone calls from members asking for their bulletins. The bulletins were mailed out the latter part of March. Whether they got lost or what happened to them I don't know. I spoke with the Postmaster and he assured me that they were not held up locally. Later toward the end of the month some reported they had just got theirs. When this happens, I have no control over it. In case some of you did not get the April bulletin, the main content was the Central Timer and the Fly Schedule. The Central Timer is:
Tim Kvidera - 13610 Johnson St., N.E., Anoka Minn., 55303
The fly schedule:

Spring (O.B.) - April 27, 28; May 11, 12; May 25, 26
Summer (Y.B.) - June 8, 9; June 22, 23(Long Day); July 6, 7 (Futurity)
Fall (Mixed) - Sept. 28, 29; Oct. 12, 13; Oct. 26, 27

Fly fees are \$1.50 per fly or \$10.00 for all flies. To enter the flies, send your fee to the Central Timer and indicate which fly you are signing up for, he'll enter you in his log sheet and will send you the Timers Report form. This needs to be done about a week in advance of the fly.

DVRFTC New Flying RECORD - The Delaware Valley Region Flying Tippler Club held a flying competition on April 6 & 7. Five kits were released and one kit set a new club record for the DVR. Joseph Prochilo of Lakewood, N.J. flew two hens and one cock from 5:54 a.m. to 6:40 p.m. for a total of 12 hours 46 minutes for a new DVR club record. Ed Young and John Smith were notified in advance, and the Timers were Joe & Mark Rounbehler, and Bill Newbold. His fly card was sent to me for examination as an impartial observer. All seems to be OK, therefore I shall endorse his time pending final vote of the DVRFTC club.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSEPH PROCHILO FOR HIS ATTAINMENT OF THE
DVRFTC CLUB RECORD

NEW MEMBERS - Let's Welcome these gentleman to our club:

Michael Niese - Hollow Rd. Skillman N.J. 08558
Andy Garren - R #1, Buffalo, Ill.

I must cut this bulletin short because of all the pages included in form of Fly Rules and Constitution & By Laws. This is rough draft prepared by Ed Young for the club to review and to vote on. I would like to call your attention to four significant changes: The "DPOPPER Rule" - has been eliminated. Meaning you can use your Tippler inside or outside of a fly pen to drop you kit. The Record fly rule, the 2½ hour rule, and removal of the Board of directors. The remainder are mostly simplifications.

Please vote, and cut at dotted line, and mail to the FTA Secretary.

1. The new revision of the Constitution and By Laws

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2. The New revision of the Fly Rules

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FTA BULLETIN

JUNE 1974

FTA 1974 Flying competitions got underway with impressive results. Continuing our progress from the year 1972, we have stepped up to a respectable standing and have taken the 1st step up, toward the pinnacle of flying superiority in this year of 1974.

Three flyers reached this stepping stone who are to be recognized and and congratulated for their accomplishment. Joseph & Mark Rounbehler of Almond Sr., Phila., Pa., made their marks on the second Spring fly with a 14 hours and 37 minutes fly. They flew three yearling hens, from 5:15 a.m. to 7:52 p.m. - in about 50 degrees temprature and 5-15 MPH wind. The Timers were John R. Smith, Bill Newbold and Eddy Smith. A great fly and congratulations to Joe and Mark for this outstanding performance. We'll have more comments about flies of this nature in a later portion of this Bulletin.

Joseph Prochilo of Lakewood, N.J., who had set a new DVR record on their April 6,7 fly, put it together for a better one going 14 hours and 31 minutes on the 1st Spring fly. His kit went from 5:24 a.m. to 7:55 p.m. on a hot day (83 degrees) in a down-blowing wind. His Timer was Bill Newbold. Congratulations to Joe Prochilo for a great fly.

Robert Rotschi of Windsor Ave., N.J., flew five (5) yearlings 14 hours and 11 minutes, from 5:30 a.m. to 7:41 p.m. in 50 to 63 degrees and a mild wind of 4 MPH.- His Timer was Fred Henken and he called in Jim Lambardi, a ATU member, in the 12th hour. A job well done; Congratulations to Bob Rotschi.

Meanwhile last Sunday(26th), I received a phone call from Joe Rounbehler informing me that he bettered his time on Saturday flying 15 hours & 15 minutes. This is passed on to you unofficially until I receive the Central Timer's report.

Now, I must point out to the club that Joseph and Mark Rounbehler are candidates for the FTA old bird record. The present record in the Official category found in the FTA book, is that of Sal Fatta of Pearl River, N.Y., standing at 14 hours 00 minutes, accomplished on April 17, 1960.

In order for us to process this fly or any fly of this nature as a record, the flyer is required to comply with the record fly Rule Section 7 d of the old fly rule or sec. 7c of the revised Rule. It simply states that the flyer is to prepare a detailed report and send a copy to the FTA Central Timer, and we'll take it from there. The idea is not to harras the flyer, rather to learn more about how the birds flew and other details of that nature so we can look at the fly more objectively and be able to write about it in detail, what that become a part of history and remains in permanent records. I am sure after you have read my article on records, you'll see how important these detailed information would be 50 years from now. So, we'll appreciate you taking a positive attitude about this and send the pertinent information that are going of much value to know.

Also, let me say at this time if any of you for any reason have knowledge of any falacies about the fly that we are about to process as a record and intend to contest it, the time to speak out is now. We plan to move right on doing our job. Once this is processed and brought into vote, the result is final.

Other flies of quality came from Bob Kennedy, 13 hours 06 minutes in the 1st fly and 12 hours 31 minutes in the 2nd fly. A very fine job by Bob. E. & W. Buraczewski went 12 hours 05 min. in the second fly. Congratulations to both of them.

In the Honor System, so far I have dominated with flys of 8 hours 13 min., and 7 hours 45 minutes. I am pleased with their performance in tempratures of 80 to 88 degrees.

FLYING RESULTS

April 27, 28, 1974
1st Spring

FLYER	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Joseph Prochilo	14 hours 31 minutes (Trophy & Diploma)	Bill Newbold
Robert Rotschi	14 hrs. 11 min. (Dip)	Fred Hencken
Robert Kennedy	13 hrs. 06 mins. (Dip)	Don Zink
E & W. Buraczewski	9 hrs. 15 mins (Dip)	Joe Manasari
Henry Bampffield	6 hrs 14 mins	Ed Young
Wm Conboy	6 hrs 02 mins	Frank Ratel & Richard Albin
Don Zink	5 hrs 13 mins	Murphy Randall
Ed Young	4 hrs 18 mins	Henry Bampffield
Angelo Decosimo	2 hrs 20 mins	Dany Suarez
J & M Rounbehler	Disq. - Birds out of sight over one hour. They flew over 15 hours and were missed at dark.	
John Smith	Disq. - Could not trap in the hour.	
Svend Hansen	Disq - No report	
R. Prisco	Disq. - No report	

HONOR SYSTEM

Nasser Shirakbari	8 hrs 13 mins (Trophy & Diploma)
E.R. Ball	7 hrs 02 mins
Tim Kvidera	Disq - One bird dropped out of bound after kit having gone 6 hrs. 48 mins.
Perc Hagan	Disq - Turning in late report - Hens lay egg after flying 1/2 hour.

MAY 11, 12, 1974

2nd SPRING

FLYER	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Joe & Mark Rounbehler (Trophy & Diploma, Champion Candidate)	14 hours 34 minutes	John R. Smith, Bill Newbold Eddy Smith
Bob Kennedy	12 hrs 31 mins (Dip)	Don Zink
E. & W. Buraczewski	12 hrs 05 mins (Dip)	Joseph Manasari
Ed Young	5 hrs 10 mins	Henry Bampffield
Don Zink	5 hrs 02 mins	Bob Kennedy
Angelo Decosimo	1 hr 41 mins	Dany Suarez
Bob Rotschi	Disq - After flying 13 hrs 25 mins. Could not drop one of the 4 kit-birds. Bill Conboy & Fred Hencken, Timers	
Joseph Prochilo	Disq - Birds did not trap in the hour. John Smith & Bill Newbold	
Henry Bampffield	Disq - Failld to trap after going 5 hrs 51 mins. Ed Young	

HONOR SYSTEM

7 hours 45 minutes (Trophy)
Disq - Missed two birds after 3-29
Disq - No report

Frank Hampson-7 hrs 50 mins, April 72 & 7 hrs 42 mins, May 72

E.R. Ball - 11 hrs 26 mins, Oct 73; 10 hrs 25 mins, Oct. 73

Now, I am putting up a Plaque of valuable quality for the Honor System flyers. Requirements are three (3) wins in the row, of Diploma quality, that is each of the 3 flies should reach 8 hours ans over. It is effective from the 1st fly of the Summer Series of 1974.

Some comments were made by a few members that are not to be overlooked. We'll present these thoughts and take up some discussions.

Rule #13, Any bird returning to flyer's loft..2, does this mean any loft in the yard or just the one you fly from?

TIM KVIDERA - the "2½-hour" rule still is not as clear as it could be. As a kit go out of sight after 1½ hours and before 2 hours, they only get up to the 2½ hour time to return to sight. This could be as little as 30:01 minutes, instead of the hour they should be allowed, in my opinion, could change wording to "should they reappear after first 1½ hours, they got one hour to return on subsequent rakings.

FLY RULES CONT.

BILL CONBOY - I would like to see Rule 13 done away with. As a flyer has no control over a stray bird or any bird dropping in his boundary.

J. & M. Rounbehler - Rule #6 "In young bird series, any flyer found flying birds with stretched or tampered bands, shall be disqualified" It should read in any series to include old birds as well as young.

E.R. Ball - There is just no way I could vote to have the dropper Rule eliminated. I confess to being one of the main agitators for a change in this rule. But did so because I felt that the flyers was being unjustly handicapped, the way the old rule was written. No flyer was allowed to use his stock birds as droppers, even though they be confined in an escape proof wire run and be no means would he be allowed to use the same breed of bird as he was flying

The 2½-hour rule could be made to read a little more clear. I believe if it were to read as follows: From the time the flyer liberates his kit, he has 2½ hours for his birds to reappear, but should they come on sight at any time during the first 2½ hours, flyer has one hour from that time onward until the fly is over.

Would like to see Rule #13 changed to read: "Should any bird(s) return to flyers loft during the fly period, time shall be noted on time card by Timer, a description of bird given and the matter decided by the committee.

ROBERT FUNK - I only take one exception to the Constitution & By-Laws and that is as regards the Executive Board.... The question is the elimination of Directors and placing in their stead, "Local Club Representative." Now, I have no Objections to a local club calling his representative a Director, however, lets just suppose there is an area in the United States, that could use a good Director for promotional purposes - that does not have a local club in that area or section of the country. Why not let us, under executive Board, have the local clubs elect their area director (Representative) - and let the Executive Board, that exist, appoint Directors in needed areas. I think we need all of the help we can get from all corners of the earth, and elected Directors in "Organized" areas, plus appointed Directors in "Unorganized" areas, should be our goal. To the flying Rules - When you insert Rule #4, you are automatically accepting Red Dubuc's Honor System club record. I like this open-mindedness. Let us drop to rule #18 - Frightening birds: Boys you have picked on a real rough problem here. I shall reduce the matter to the point that the Timer should be convinced that the flyer did not personally frighten the birds, or that he had nothing personally do with such matters. Now, let us please get down to rules 25 and 26 re Artificial Lighting. Gentlemen, please let me say that I have never been acceptable to Artificial lighting...it runs against the grains of the natural ability of the birds - as well as the ability of the flyer to drop his kit in natural light.1either it is no artificial lighting... or no limitation to the Wattage.

James Smith - The by-Laws and fly rules are most fair and reflects the hard work and thoughts that went into their formation.

Rules discussion on next page

Rules Discussion - Only rules that are made by the people are those can govern people. Those that are forced upon them will never last. That is the reason I have reflected the thoughts of those who took the time, and showed the interest to express their thoughts. All these gentlemen are to be commended for this. Here I will take each case and try to answer it or make recommendation to the Rules' Committee.

1. Our reason for moving ahead so rapidly with this, was because of the flying season already underway without definite fly rules and By-Laws, that you can understand, we could possibly run into troubles. However, it appears that everyone knows what he is doing, so we'll relax and discuss the matters, and we'll vote on those specific points.

2. The old Dropper rule is very strict and totally unfair. I think a flyer should have a fair chance to get his kit in such a way that the flying kit remains DISTINGUISHED at all times. Also dropping this rule in its entirety is a drastic move and can result in some troubles in the future. I have a picture of Mr. Colin Bateman of England that has a Tippler in his wire confinement that extends over the roof, and a half-breed of Tippler-Tumbler working outside flying on his hand and returning on the loft top. Even the English do not object to a Tippler if it is maintained in a wire confinement, and not released outside. The Canadian clubs also approved of this method of dropping. Therefore I recommend that the rule to be re-instated and to read as follows:

Dropper Rule - ANY BREED OTHER THAN TIPPER MAY BE USED AS A DROPPER WORKING OUTSIDE OF A WIRE CONFINEMENT OR EXPOSED DIRECTLY TO THE FLYING KIT. TIPPLERS MAY BE USED IN A WIRE CONFINEMENT BUT NOT EXPOSED DIRECTLY TO THE FLYING KIT AT ANYTIME DURING DROPPING AND TRAPPING PERIOD OR ANYTIME THEREAFTER UNTIL BAND NUMBERS ARE CHECKED.

What this rule says is this: Flyer throws his Fantail outside on the loft top, then he lets out his Tipplers in his Wire-Run. The kit drops. Now, if the loft is so designed that the kit can trap without getting mixed up with Tipplers in Wire, everything is OK. If the kit has to trap in the same wire confinement that the stock birds are, then the flyer has to get the stock birds in, then trap the kit. In this case the kit has not come in direct contact with other Tipplers to cause confusion for the Timer.

3. Returning Bird #13 - I believe if any rule is to be dropped out, it should be this one. Nonetheless it is necessary to have it. We should go along with E.R. Ball on that.

Rule #13 - SHOULD ANY BIRD(S) RETURN TO FLYER'S LOFT DURING THE FLY PERIOD, TIME SHALL BE NOTED, A DESCRIPTION GIVEN AND BAND NUMBER TAKEN, AND MATTER DECIDED BY THE CENTRAL TIMER AND SECRETARY.

In response to the question of which loft? here is an unwritten rule that everyone should know. 1. A kit must always return to the loft from which it was released. 2. A returning pigeon to flyer's loft or any of his lofts, on a fly day could arouse questions and result in some degree of extra movements and disturbance. Therefore its entrance into any loft is all the same and the matter should be reported as outlined above.

4. 2½-HOUR RULE - This is the most confusing and least bit used rule we have. But again it is necessary and should be simplified to an easily understandable point. The idea of this rule is this: Oftentime the kit has an initial zip that can take them out of sight for sometime after a start. That is the reason instead of one hour, 2½ hours is given to the flyer. And now if they return after a period of time, why don't we put the flyer on an hourly basis from then on. This will simplify thing and that is what Bob Ball suggested:

2½ Hour Rule - ANY FLYER'S BIRDS RAKING AWAY FROM THE SIGHT OF THE TIMER AT ANYTIME AFTER LIBERATION, THEY SHALL BE ALLOWED 2½ HOURS FOR BIRDS TO REAPPEAR ON SIGHT. BUT SHOULD THEY REAPPEAR ANYTIME DURING THE FIRST 2½ HOUR, FLYER SHALL BE ALLOWED ONE HOUR FROM THAT TIME ONWARD UNTIL THE FLY IS COMPLETED.

5. STRETCHED BANDS Rule #6 - It should include all birds young or old. Saying: # A FLYER SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED IF FLYING ANY BIRD(S) WITH STRETCHED OR TAMPERED BANDS.
6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - The idea of having a Board of Directors seems to be a good one on the surface. I know it is good for local clubs when they can get together once a month and let the Board make decisions when the rest of the club fails to do so. From our standpoint, where we can not meet, and our communication is limited to letters, I have found the Board to be ineffective and impractical. The FTA can operate much more effectively and accomplish more things with a smaller group, that are interested and care. No reflection on any past or present Board members, but on a couple of occasions that I have sent material to them and asked for answers, we simply didn't get anywhere because of lack of response. It turned out that the same old interested leaders had to make the decision or give the advice, so we could move on with the club work.
7. Although the rule No. says "all competing birds....", it is the rule no. 5 specifying "young birds" that was applicable in "Dubuc's" case.
8. FRIGHTENING BIRDS - Any interference with the flying kit is to be reported like the rule says. However, its merit as to if its going to be a good fly or not should depend on whether this was within the flyer's control or not. I agree with Mr. Funk that we should add:
"THE TIMER SHALL SATISFY HIMSELF THAT THE FLYER DID NOT PERSONALLY FRIGHTEN HIS KIT, OR INDUCE OUTSIDERS TO DO SO"
9. ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING - Not everyone is fortunate enough to have daylight until 11 o'clock at night or be positioned in a commercial area. A flyer should have a chance to get his kit back after a long day and an equal chance to those who live in a well lighted area. So, I believe the limitation on wattage should be removed.
- Conclusion - We'll wait the remainder of this month for everyone to think these over and to see if there are anymore comments. If not, we'll take these specific points and vote on them, and finalize this thing.

FLY SCHEDULE - I have not forgotten about this. We had a few weather reports for discussion in the future. At this time we are not pressed for a schedule.

SECRETARY & SALARY - FTA officers have taken under consideration the paying of the Secretary a salary as it is done in other clubs. This makes possible in recruiting a secretary and expecting him to do a fair job. The amount proposed by Mr. Funk is a yearly salary of 20% of the club's book balance, membership dues, fly fees paid, plus up to 50 FTA bands excluding the futurity bands. I suggest that also the Central Timer receives his membership for the year he is serving. This matter will be included in the voting.

New MEMBER - Stuart Ferguson - 6250-67th Ave. North(#307), Brooklyn Park, Minn. 55428

Mr. Ferguson is an English chap who had been a member of the NTU. He plans to fly with us. He is working with 3 pairs of stock birds, Red and red mottles of Fred Carnew's strain, which are the Bristol record holders. We Welcome Mr. Ferguson and looking forward to have him in the competitions.

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JUNE 1974

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1974 FTA OFFICERS

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Publicity Dir.	Nasser Shirakbari

FTA BULLETIN

JULY 1974

What a year this is! perhaps one that the FTA shall remember for years to come. And at last we are harvesting the crop of our sweat of the past few years. And once more Joseph Rounbehler of PA. took another step upward breaking his last record by going 15 hours & 15 minutes in the last Spring Fly. Once the Summer Series and the Long Day fly are completed, we'll take this "Time" or any better time if flown, and present it to the club for voting as an official FTA record. Meanwhile we have another announcement to make about the Honor System record. E.R. Ball flew 15 hours 07 minutes in the last Spring fly breaking the Old Bird FTA Honor System record of 14 hours 50 minutes set by "Red" Dabuc on May 15, 1960. We extend many congratulations to both Joseph Rounbehler and E.R. Ball for their outstanding accomplishment.

Once all of these have been finalized, I will dedicate a full page in our record book to those who achieved record flies this year. Those are Joseph Rounbehler, Joseph Prochilo, Robert Rotschi, and E.R. Ball.

And once again we must recognize Bob Rotschi for his consistently good flying this year. He flew 11-02 in the 3rd Spring fly, then he flew the best time we have flown with young birds in many years, coming close to a record performance by going 13 hours & 25 minutes. The official FTA young bird record is 13 hours & 53 minutes flown by Mr. William G. Hoffman of Maryland on June 9, 1957.

Bob Rotschi has indeed earned a place as a top flyer in the FTA and many congratulations are being extended to Bob.

FLYING RESULTS

MAY 25, 26, 1974
(3rd Spring)

FLYER	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Joseph & Mark Rounbehler	15 hours 15 minutes (Champion Candidate, Trophy & Diploma)	John R. Smith and Bill Newbold
E. & W. Buraczewski	11 hours 09 minutes (Diploma)	Joseph Manaseri
Bob Rotschi	11 hours 02 minutes (Diploma)	Frdd Hencken
Angelo Decosimo	2 hrs 31 mins.	Danny Suarez
Bob Kennedy	Disq - Overfly after having flown 14 hours 50 mins	Don Zink
Joseph Prochilo	Disq - Birds split after 1½ hour due to heavy fog.	Bill Newbold
Other disq. for not sending report: Svend Hansen; Wm. Conboy; Henry Bampffield; Ed Young & Don Zink.		

HONOR SYSTEM

E.R. Ball	15 hours 07 minutes (Champion Candidate, Trophy & Diploma)
Perc Hagan	5 hrs 50 mins.
Nasser Shirakbari	4 hrs 34 mins.
Tim Kvidera	2 hrs 04 mins.

FLYING RESULTS

JUNE 8, 9, 1974
(1st SUMMER)

FLYER	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Robert Rotschi	13 hours 25 minutes (Trophy & Diploma)	Fred Hencken
Don Zink	8 hrs 08 mins (Diploma)	Elmer Randall
Bill Conboy	3 hrs 14 mins	Bob Rotschi
Angelo Decosimo	1 hr 31 mins	Danny Suarez
E. & W. Buraczewski	Disq-One bird split for over an hour	J. Manaseri
Others disq. for not sending report:	Svend Hansen; Bob Kennedy; Ed Young; Joe Prochilo.	

HONOR SYSTEM

Tim Kvidera Disq - One bird split and remained out of sight after the kit had flown 10 hours & 13 minutes. The other two overflowed after flying 15 hours 20 minutes.

(a very good fly by Tim, wishing him better luck next time)

Nasser Shirakbari disq - Unable to trap within the hour, after flying 3 hours 42 minutes.

Perc Hagan & E.R. Ball Disq - No report.

I am very pleased with the good job the flyers are doing with their "report form". Most all of them are filled completely with valuable information. Everyone is making some good short comments, weather, trapping etc. Most impressive is the comments that are candid at times, showing that you are enjoying the sport and in good spirit. I would like to remind you to give us the FTA band numbers if your birds are double banded. In the last fly the Central Timer went through the time, trouble, and expense to call a flyer to get his FTA band numbers. I think that is going too far out of our way.

Now, let's discuss some Rules, then hopefully get this wound-up and have them printed and published. Evidently most all the proposals from the last bulletin suits everyone except the 2½-hour rule. Comments:

TIM KVIDERA - Still don't think the 2½-hour rule is as good as could be. As suggested by you in the last bulletin the following could happen and still be within the letter of the law. Say a kit is released and flies sufficiently close to the loft to not ever rake away from sight, then at twelve hours (or whatever time) they rake out of sight. Literally since they never were out of sight "any time after liberation", they haven't "re-appeared" anytime during the first 2½ hours and would be allowed 2½ hours to return to sight. I would suggest something similar to this:

"Should a kit rake out of sight after liberation it shall be allowed the remainder of the first 2½ hours or one hour, whichever is longer, to return to sight of the Timer".

Also Mr. Funk sent us an interesting short article about the 2½-hour rule. This article gives us another view of the subject for record purposes.

ROBERT B. FUNK - In an APJ article by A.W. Declute of Toronto, making general comments on an article by Charles F. Wagner, etc.... just under Declute article, is a small unauthored article entitled "TORONTO TIPPLERS BREAK OLD BIRD ENDURANCE RECORD", with a Toronto, Canada, date line... it says in part..."The kit of birds owned by Arthur Declute, Toronto, Canada recently broke the American old bird record by flying 17 hours and 8 minutes.

The record made is all the more remarkable when it is realized that in this country and at this time of year, the actual daylight hours total only 15 hours 28 minutes (official sunset and sunrise time). It means that part of the time the birds were performing, it was actually semi-dark".

This was in the year 1934. The $2\frac{1}{2}$ -rule was designed just exactly for the following possibilities. A week, or a day, before your try for a long time try...you get up (yourself out of the bed) in darkness, and watch outside for the exact time the light clears enough for you to see a kit on wing... you count back $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours...and set this as your liberation time on the long fly...yes you gamble...but it is the only way you are going to get over 15-30... and it is the man who can be successful in dropping a kit with artificial lights... with this $2\frac{1}{2}$ hour head start, that is going to be a record breaker. That was and is the purpose of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ -hour rule.

DISCUSSION - Its been a known fact to us for one to achieve the United States record or the North American record, one must to contend with certain amount of dark flying. He can take it at the beginning or at the end. Fred Erbach took it at the beginning when the birds were strongest at the hardest part of the fly. I have gone into this in more detail on my "Record Article" which hopefully is to be published sometime soon or in the near future. And the $2\frac{1}{2}$ -hour rule can certainly be a salvation in that respect. And now that we are reaching big times, the dark starts and dark finishes, are something for us to think about more seriously.

Now let's take the rule analyses. The proposed rule in the last bulletin read: "ANY FLYER'S BIRDS RAKING AWAY FROM THE SIGHT OF THE TIMER ANYTIME AFTER LIBERATION, THEY SHALL BE ALLOWED $2\frac{1}{2}$ HOURS FOR BIRDS TO REAPPEAR ON LIGHT. BUT SHOULD THEY REAPPEAR ANYTIME DURING THE FIRST $2\frac{1}{2}$ HOUR, FLYER BE ALLOWED ONE HOUR FROM THAT TIME ONWARD UNTIL THE FLY IS COMPLETED."

"ANY TIME AFTER LIBERATION", can be interpreted as 3rd, 4th, or 12th etc. hour after liberation, as it was pointed out by Tim. And if the birds have not been out of sight prior to this time, one may expect to apply the $2\frac{1}{2}$ hour rule at any such hours. Of course we all know that the $2\frac{1}{2}$ hour rule is meant to be for the first $2\frac{1}{2}$ hour of the fly and not anytime after. So we can correct this by removing the "Any time after liberation", and inserting "during the first $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours", then combining the previous wording with that of Tim's. This is how its going to come out:

$2\frac{1}{2}$ -HOUR RULE - ANY FLYER'S BIRDS RAKING AWAY FROM THE SIGHT OF THE TIMER, DURING THE FIRST $2\frac{1}{2}$ HOUR OF THE FLY, THEY SHALL BE ALLOWED THE REMAINDER OF THE FIRST $2\frac{1}{2}$ HOURS OR ONE HOUR, WHICHEVER LONGER, FOR BIRDS TO REAPPEAR ON SIGHT."

You'll recall, the idea of going through all of these to start with, was to assure that the flyer gets one hour "Reapeatance time" at anytime in the fly. The old rule had the $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours fixed. That is if the birds went out of sight anytime after the first hour and half, it would leave the flyer a time less than one our for his birds to come on sight. This is the reason the word "One hour" has been inserted.

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Please refer to the June bulletin and think them over. If you think its
about time that we close the discussion and put these into vote, drop me
a line, making a motion that we vote. If we get the motions, we'll vote
in the next bulletin.

MA KA SU Trophy- Mr. Ball has clarified his requirement for this trophy.
The trophy will go to a flyer in Honor system who can win three yearly
aggregates. This does not have to be three in the row. The winners so far
are: 1972, Frank Hampson, 20 hours 47 minutes; 1973, David Bortell, 36 hours
05 minutes. These have been recorded in the record book.

CENTRAL TIMER - Requests that you send your fly fee at least a week or
possibly sooner. As you might know the 1st class mail is no longer moving
as fast as it use to. This will give you and him sufficient time to send
you the flying report form.

NEW MEMBERS - We extend Welcome to these gentlemen:

Tom Mills - R.R. #3, Wakefield, Quebec, Canada

Jack H. McCarthy - 8116 Yorktown Ave., Los Angeles, California 90045

1974 Awards - I will be taking advantage from the spare time until the
the Fall Series, and be working on your trophies and diplomas. I would
like to have a volunteer to purchase couple trophies for the FTA and mail
it to winners outside of N.Y., and PA. - Let me hear from a good agent.

Nasser

FTA BULLETIN

AUGUST 1974

The Long Day fly did not turn out to a long day for many of us. This has been the trend; and the reason is the hotter weather that has kept us from capitalizing from the most available daylight hours. Only two kits past the ten, that of Bob Rotschi's and J. & M. Rounbehler's. Rotschi flew a young bird kit of 3 for 10 hours 57 mins., while Rounbehlers flew an old bird kit of 3 for 10 hours 22 minutes. Their flying temperatures were at mid-80's. Good flying by both.

Those signed up for Futurity fly and their band numbers assigned were: Victor Jendzo, 1-6; Don Zink, 7-11; Bob Kennedy, 12-21; Angelo Decosimo, 22-27; Svend Hansen, 28-37; Bob Rotschi, 38-43; Bill Conboy, 44-49; E.R. Ball, 71-76; Nasser Shirakbari, 77-82.

Only two kits got off the ground completely Futurity banded. Bill Conboy's 47, 48, & 49, and disqualified after flying 2 hours and 5 minutes. Nasser's 77, 78, & 80, flying 4 hours and 35 minutes.

For the second time the unclaimed purse goes to the FTA. Also, I will leave my share of the win for the club.

FLYING RESULTS

JUNE 22, 23, 1974
(2nd Summer, Long Day)

FLYER	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Robert Rotschi (YB)	10 hours 57 minutes (Trophy & Diploma)	Fred Hencken
J. & M. Rounbehler(OB)	10 hours 22 minutes (Diploma)	John R. Smith
E. & W. Buraczewski(OB)	5 hours 41 mins.	J. Manaseri
Don Zink (Mixed Kit)	2 " 01 mins.	Elmer Randall
Wm. Conboy	Disq.- No start due to rain	
Svend Hansen; Bob Kennedy; A. Decosimo; Henry Bampffield; Bill Newbold;		
Richard Seabridge - All disq., No report.		

HONOR SYSTEM

Nasser Shirakbari (YB)	6 hours 43 minutes (Trophy)
Tim Kvidera (YB)	1 hour 33 minutes
E.R. Ball	Disq - no reprt
Perc Hagan	Disq - no reprt

JULY 6,7, 1974
(3rd Summer, Futurity)

FLYER	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Robert Rotschi	8 hrs. 07 mins. (Diploma) Trophy	Fred Hencken
Joseph Prochilo	7 hrs. 28 mins	Richard Seabridge
Don Zink	5 hrs 40 mins	Bob Kennedy
E & W. Buraczewski	5 hrs 00 mins	J. Manaseri
Wm. Conboy (FUTURITY)	Disq - Failed to trap	Frank Ratel
Svend Hansen; Bob Kennedy; A. Decosimo - Disq., No reprt		

HONOR SYSTEM

Tim Kvidera	10 hours 12 minutes
Nasser Shirakbari (Futurity)	4 hours 35 minutes
Jim Smith	3 hours 36 minutes
Perc Hagan ; E.R. Ball	Disq - no report

CLUB BUSINESS - In the following we'll discuss a few matters and proceed with voting. The Rules have been discussed throughly in past bulletins and all is left for us now is to cast our votes. Other subjects are records and matter relating to Secretary.

SECRETARY & SALARY - Most Speciality clubs with healthy finances pay some sort of a salary to their club Secretary. The reason is the amount of work and time that is required in doing this job. Also this makes possible to recruit and keep a Secretary on the job. Here in the FTA we have never done this, although the subject has been brought up from time to time. This was suggested again by someone in the club, and the matter was taken under consideration by the officers. Mr. Funk Suggested paying the Secretary a yearly salary of 20% of the yearly balance plus membership dues and fly fees paid by the club. The 20% would amount about \$100 per year at our present balance.

RECORD PRESENTATION

The following facts are presented in behalf of Joseph & Mark Rounbehler and E.R. Ball for your consideration of records in the FTA.

1. Joseph & Mark Rounbehler - 2852 Almond St., Phila. Pa. 19134
Official System - Old Birds: Light Print Hen NPA 72 AC 29, Blue Bar Hen FTA 73 24, and Light Print hen FTA 73-1474.
Starting time: 4:40 a.m.; droppers thrown 7:55 p.m. - All birds down at 7:59 p.m. - last bird in trap was bird No. 29 at 8:22 p.m. - Bands were checked and identified - Temperature 59 degrees at 7:00 a.m., humidity 78%, wind WNW 7 MPH, rest of the day mid-70's, WNW 10-20 MPH.
Timers: John R. Smith, and Bill Newbold

John arrived at my house at 4:15 a.m. because I told him I wanted to put the birds up at 4:30 - but it was a little too dark so at 4:40 I let them go. They flew nice all day, up & down several times but always at a good height. In the afternoon it got cloudy and windy but they hung up there, and I was very happy. We had to throw our droppers at 7:55. When they dropped, they looked very good, not too tired. I think they had a little more in them yet.

Yours in the sport - J.&M. Rounbehler

2. E.R. Ball - RR #2, Stouffville, Ont., Canada LOHILO
Honor System - Old Birds: Blue Badge FTA 73 3305, Black Badge FTA 73 3302, Blue badge FTA 73 3310. Starting Time: 5:38 a.m. - Fantail droppers at 8:45 p.m. - all down at the same time and last bird in trap at 8:47 p.m. Bands checked identical. Dull overcast and windy.

Zowie, Although day dawned dull and overcast, delaying start a little, got kit away at 5:38 a.m. and they performed beautifully all day long. the first time they made a circle around the coup was at 14 1/2 hours, took off again and flew beautifully again until dropped by Mrs. Ball.

Cont.

It wasn't a very nice day but by the way the birds performed, this made the Sun shine for me as I always said this was a beautiful kit of pigeons and if they ever got a half decent day, they would prove their ability. It was just too bad I did not have more time available as the bird were flying strong when dropped and no sooner hit the roof, then they were cooing and scooping their tails; it sure did me good; for this fly constitutes a record for my new homestead, a record for my new strain of imported birds, and I am hoping a record for the Honor system flyers to aim at.

All the best - E.R. (Bob) Ball

Well Gentleman, we have spent a great deal of time presenting the rules in question, giving everyone a chance to express their opinions and taking it into consideration. Now, it is time that we finalize these matters, so we can all go about our work of enjoying the hobby. I am enclosing a self addressed envelope and urge all of you to take a few minutes to vote and forward to me. Cut at dotted line

RULES REVISION

August 1974

1. DROPPER RULE - Any breed other than Tipper may be used as a dropper working outside of a wire confinement or exposed directly to the flying kit. Tipplers may be used in a wire confinement but not exposed directly to the flying kit at anytime during dropping and trapping period or anytime thereafter until band numbers are checked. YES ☐ NO ☐
2. RETURNING BIRD - Should any bird(s) return to flyer's loft during the flying period, time shall be noted, a description given, band number taken, and matter decided by the Central Timer and Secretary. YES ☐ NO ☐
3. TWO & ONE-HALF - HOUR Rule - Choose one only:
 - A. Any flyer's birds raking away from the sight of the Timer during the first $2\frac{1}{2}$ hour of the fly, they shall be allowed the remainder of the first $2\frac{1}{2}$ hour or one hour, whichever longer for birds to reappear on sight.
 - B. Any flyer's birds raking away from the sight of the Timer at anytime after liberation, they shall be allowed $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours for birds to reappear on sight. But should they reappear anytime during the first $2\frac{1}{2}$ hour, flyer shall be allowed one hour, flyer shall be allowed one hour from that time onward until the fly is completed.
4. STRETCHED BANDS - A flyer shall be disqualified if flying any bird(s) with stretched or tampered bands. YES ☐ NO ☐
5. Elimination of Board of Directors. YES ☐ NO ☐
6. DRIVING BIRDS - Any person frightening birds or causing them to be frightened or chased, either directly or indirectly, the Timer shall satisfy himself that the flyer did not personally frightened his kit, or induce outsiders to do so. Otherwise, Time shall be noted on flying report, and a complete report of the incident shall be submitted to the Central Timer. The Timer However, continue to time until the kit drops. Both Times to be shown on flying report. YES ☐ NO ☐

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ADDRESS LABELS -- Ed Hernandez of the Crescent Club ran sufficient amount of addressing labels and send them to me. This should last me for about a year. Its certainly a lot of help and we express many thanks to him. Also Ed Young sent me some labels similar to these with five carbons copies of each. This can be used for new additions and change of addresses. Thanks to Ed young for his help also.

Tim Kvidera volunteered to purchase some trophies for the club and mail to those outside of N.Y. and P.A. - I am assuming that the N.Y. & P.A. flyers prefer to receive a check and purchase their own trophies. If not, please let me know, and I handle it anyway suitable to you.

HONOR SYSTEM - I have received a letter from a flyer requesting if he can fly in the Honor System since he can no longer secure a Timer as he was previously. The present rule states if a flyer lives within 25 miles of a local club he should fly in the Official system. My personal feeling is that we should not limit a flyer's choice in the case in question. The 25 Miles" clause is not in the best interest of "To Promote Flying", which is the basic concept of the FTA. Simply if a flyer can not get Timer, and he wants to fly in the Honor system, then he should.

RULES REVISION

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AUGUST 1974

7. Removal of the "Wattage limitation" in dropping birds at night.
 YES _____ NO _____
8. HONOR SYSTEM - Any member who can not secure the services of a qualified "Timer", may compete under the Honor system.
 Times flown in the Honor system shall be kept separate from the Official system. Also any record flown under this system may not be honored as club, National or World record, with the exception of the FTA Honor system record.
 YES _____ NO _____
9. RECORDS:
- A. Joseph and Mark Rounbehler
 Holder of the FTA Old Bird record
 15 hours & 15 minutes
 May 25, 1974
 YES _____ NO _____
- B. E.R. BALL
 Holder of the FTA Honor System Old Bird record
 15 hours & 07 minutes
 May 26, 1974
 YES _____ NO _____
10. SECRETARY - To receive proposed salary of 20% yearly book balance plus dues and bands paid, except Futurity.
 YES _____ NO _____

COMMENTS -

VOTING RESULTS - We had a total of 28 voters with the following results:

	YES	NO	ABSTAINED	
1. Dropper Rule -	24	2	2	Passed
2. Returning Birds	19	7	2	Passed
3. 2½-Hour Rule	A. 17			A-Passed
	B. 9			
4. Stretched Bands	28			
5. Elimination of Board	11	14	2	Not Passed
		(The Club will maintain Board of Directors)		
6. Driving birds	23	3	2	Passed
7. Removal of Wattage	19	7	2	Passed
8. Honor System	21	5	2	Passed
9. Records				
	A. Joseph Rounbehler - See Discussion			Pending
	B. E.R. Ball	24	1	3
10. Secretary	28			Passed

THE FTA CLUB HEREBY ACCREDITS MR. E.R. BALL OF ONTARIO CANADA WITH THE ATTAINMENT OF THE FTA HONOR SYSTEM OLD BIRD RECORD OF 15 hours and 07 minutes ON MAY 26, 1974.

FTA SECRETARY-TREASURER

Nasser Shirakbari
Nasser Shirakbari

On behalf of the entire club we extend our most heart felt congratulations to Mr. E.R. Ball and his lovely Wife

The results are down and now Mr. Young can go ahead and incorporate these rules into his copy of the Constitution-By Laws and Fly Rules, and proceed with the printing.

RECORD DISCUSSION - I have received an anonymous comment from a member as follows:

"I vote against the Rounbehler's record. Ramblings from sources down their way have claimed that 'ace' flyer Robert Rotschi is being drawn up on charges as a cheat in the A.T.U. - also it has come to my attention that some members of DVRETC joined A.T.U. , because of irregularities in the Rounbehler's behavior during a contest. Let it be understood that I am not pressing this charge. However, I do think it should be investigated and resolved one way or another in the best interest of the FTA.

I would also like to know the disposition of Mr. Erbach's record now. was he a member of FTA when he set the record or did he do it as an independent? is the Rounbehler's record to be a club record or National record? "

Let me review the history for you in short. A number of years ago when there was no distinction between the Official and Honor system, when 'Red' Dubuc flew his record time, his fly was contested by a number of people with the A.T.U. club leading the band wagon. Which as the result caused a break down of friendship among the ATU and FTA members, causing a wound that have not healed over the years, and even today for as much as we have tried to bring the feeling of "let by gones be by gone".

Later in the history when Mike Seiler flew a record fly in the A.T.U., he was drawn upon charges by the atu club and abig haste, to the point that he declined his record time and stepped out. And now it is Robert Rotschi and Joe Rounbehler again.

Doesn't it sound strange to you, as long as people are flying 5 and 6 hours, they are good guys, and when they fly outstanding times, they are "cheats"?

In contrast to others, our past history has shown that FTA has always promoted and encouraged good flying, supported and honored those who have flown good times. It is in the good eyes that good have been seen and not in the Evil.

Now, Joseph Rounbehler have been accused of a "irregular behavior" in a contest" - I wonder what contest they are talking about and what bearing it has on this particular fly. We are primarily concerned with this fly in which he had two legitimate "Timers" who have observed this fly from start to finish, whom are willing to answer any questions to anyone regarding this fly. I, for one will not doubt the integrity of these two gentlemen, who have put their honor on the line by placing their signature on that report sheet.

Gentlemen...this is what we are going to do that is going to be fair to everyone.

1. Once more the floor is open to anyone who has any charges to bring against J. & M. Rounbehler
2. The accuser must step forward and identify himself. We will not recognize anonymous individuals.
3. The accuser must define the exact nature of the charge
4. Names of first hand witnesses submitted, without hear-say evidence. For instance, the two gentlemen having left the DVR to ATU are acceptable for their testimony to be heard.
5. Charges must be filed within 30 days from the day this bulletin is postmarked. Failure to do so, will be taken as that, there are no valid charges.

Now...with the question concerning Mr. Erbach. three basic questions were asked

1. Was Mr. Erbach a member of the FTA when he set his record
2. or did he do it independent
3. Is the Rounbehler's fly to be a club record or Nations record?

ANSWERS:

1. Mr. Erbach's fly of 17 hours 18 minutes took place on May 23, 1937 a year prior to the formation of the FTA. To put it in the proper perspective it can not be a FTA record, but has been recognized as the United States record and at one time it was the North American record.

2. Erbach flew in the old N.Y. club. I do not know if this particular fly was a official club fly or a pre-arranged one. The history tells us that the Canadians accepted his fly without question as North American record until it was broken by Edward Robinson. So far as I know, it is still the United States record. I have gone into detail in all of these in my record article that has not been published.

3. Rounbehler's fly if accepted will qualify only for the FTA record. For anyone to attain U.S. record, his time must surpass Erbach's record.

NEW WORLD RECORD

On the N.T.U. Long day fly June 23, 1974, three kits broke the World record of Mr. Arthur Newton, 20 hours & 7 minutes. Mr. Jack Boden 20 hours and 20 minutes, becoming the current World record holder. others were:

Mr. Coughlin 20 hours 15 minutes and J.H. Jones & son 20 hours 10 minutes.

Our congratulations to all three gentlemen and particularly Mr. Boden.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome these new members:

G. Poirier - 12242 Laity St., Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada

Dean G. Patterson - 18 Florister Dr., Trenton N.J. 08690

Stephen P. Bliszcz - 31 Willow Rd., Bordentown, N.J. 08505

Peter Talevi - 1608 6th st., Trenton NJ. 08638

Richard Seabridge have been elemental in recruiting the latter two members. We appreciate his work and enthusiasm. I'll have some material mailed out to the new members shortly.

GRAND NATIONAL SHOW - DVR club with the aid of Ed Young will be hosting the FTA Grand National show. I filled and signed the necessary papers and sent it to Ed for completion of the parts dealing with the Judge and hours of the show. I am sure Ed has already mailed the papers. If not we won't get the entry blanks. The entry blanks should reach me before I get the November bulletin out.

Had a postcard from Ed saying the tentative date for the show is Friday Jan. 24th at 7:00 p.m. - The tentative date for annual meeting is Saturday 25th. There will be three Judges: Micky Conticchio judging Old hens, Joe Rounbehler judging Old cocks, and Joseph Prochilo judging young cocks and young hens. The three judges will pick a Champion bird from the four, first place sinners using a 4 point system, with the bird getting the lowest point being the Champion. All sound very exciting and I shall miss it very much.

ELECTION

It is time for another election and a new set of officers. Our thanks to the present officers for their work in the past two years. I must level with you about myself. I had looked forward in retiring the end of this year. I work long hours at the store and not being able to do the kind of job I like to do for the club. If there is someone or if you know of someone who is capable and willing to take on this job, I be more than happy to know about it. I will work and help the new secretary until he can get his foot on the ground. now, the turn of recent events have me undecided. Please fill in the following nomination ballot and forward to me.

NOMINATION BALLOT

october 1974

PRESIDENT _____

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR _____

EASTERN VICE PRESIDENT _____

WESTERN VICE PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY-TREASURER _____

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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FA BULLETIN
NOVEMBER 1974

FLYING REPORT - Looking over the past two sets of reports, it shows that weather has not been for good flying for the Northern flyers. Fog and overcast was the general pattern. Here in South we were fortunate to get cool weather from September, and was able to do some early training. I am flying 18 birds together (this is something I have never done before. I tried it this year, it is fun). I start the 18 sometime in morning and they go until 2 to 5 p.m. depending how I have feed them. Usually 4 to 6 of them pull out and go the rest of the day. so, thing are looking good here.

The Honor System rule is in effect and we extend Welcome to those who participated in this system. If you can not get a Timer, we like for you to fly anyway and report in Honor system. I have always felt if a man can trust himself, then he can fly in the Honor System and take pride in it for having delivered his labor of hard work or having disqualified himself for the mistake of his kit, and at last showing sportsmanship in honoring others.

Ed Buraczewski took the 1st Fall fly in the Official system with 7 hours and 28 minutes, using a 4-bird kit of hens composed of 3 old and one young. I took the Honor System, going 10 hours 12 minutes using a young bird kit. The 2nd fly was highlighted by Ed Young in the Official, going 8 hours and 2 minutes with a 4-bird kit, two young and two yearlings. Ed Buraczewski took the Honor System using all together a different kit, for 10 hours and 42 minutes. I substituted one bird and came behind him with 9 hours and 25 minutes. Don Zink who had over slept got 8-18 on a late start, and Dave Bortell scored 8-15. Over all, the flies were satisfactory.

FLYING RESULTS

1st Fall; Sept. 28, 29 - 1974

<u>FLYER</u>	<u>TIME FLOWN</u>	<u>TIMER</u>
Ed Buraczewski	7 hrs. 28 mins. (Trophy)	Joseph Manaseri
Don Zink	6 hrs. 34 mins	Bob Kennedy
Richard Seabridge	3 hrs. 14 mins	G. Patterson & S. Blizz
Bob Kennedy	2 hrs 08 mins	Elmer Randall
J & M Rounbehler	Disq - One bird on split over an hour.	
Henry Bampffield	Disq - One dropped out after 1-07, missing two	
Svend Hansen; Angelo Decosimo; Ed young	Disq - No report	

HONOR SYSTEM

Nasser Shirekbari	10 hours 12 minutes (Trophy & Diploma)
Robert Rotschi	7 " 35 "
Jim Smith	3 " 55 "
Tim Kvidera	3 " 25 "
David Bortell	2 " 11 "
Wm. Conboy	Disq - Heavy fog; one bird on tree after 55 mins., missed rest
Perc Hagan	Disq - No report
E.R. Ball	Disq - No report

2nd FALL - Oct. 12, 13 - 1974

<u>FLYER</u>	<u>TIME FLOWN</u>	<u>TIMER</u>
Ed Young	8 hours 02 minutes (Trophy & Diploma)	Bill Newbold
Richard Seabridge	7 " 01 "	Dean G. Patterson
J & M Rounbehler	Disq - Birds split after 8 hrs 30 mins. rest went 12-25	J.R. Smith
Henry Bampffield	Disq - No start due to unfavorable weather	Ed Smith
Svend Hansen, A. Decosimo, Bob Kennedy	Disq - No report	

HONOR SYSTEM

Ed Buraczewski	10 hours 42 minutes	(Trophy & Diploma)
Nasser Shirakbari	9 " 25 "	(Diploma)
Don Zink	8 " 18 "	(Diploma)
David Bortell	8 " 15 "	(Diploma)
Bob Rotschi	7 " 35 "	
Jim Smith	7 " 08 "	
Wm. Conboy	Disq - One bird struck telephone wires injured wing, on tree.	
Tim Kvidera	Disq - Hawk scattered birds. one bird split and dropped out of bound, one out of sight over 1 hour, one not returned	
Perc Hagan, E.R. Ball	Disq - No report	

It is with much sorrow that we must inform you of the death of Walter Buraczewski on October 7, 1974. He was a gentle man, a good father to his son Ed, a good flyer, and dedicated to the sport. Our condolences to Ed and his family.

NOMINATIONS

The following is the nominations received for various offices. Anyone who wishes to withdraw his nomination, please inform me during this month. Those of you who maintain your nomination, please keep in mind that we do have some problems and perhaps a rough road ahead. You will be called upon to make some hard decisions.

PRESIDENT

Funk, Robert
Hernandez, Ed
Kennedy, Robert
Young, Ed

EASTERN V.P.

Ball, E.R.
Conboy, Bill
Hagan, Perc
Kennedy, Bob
Rotschi, Bob
Zink, Don

WESTERN V.P.

Ehli, Jack
*Tagami, Hiroshi

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Funk, Robert
Shirakbari, Nasser

SEC.-TREAS. - Nasser Shirakbari

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Anderson, Roy
Ball, E.R.
Bampffield, Henry
Bortell, David
Buraczewski, Ed
Catri, Frank *
Conboy, William

* Conticchio, Micky
* Evans, Harry
Hagan, Perc
Hencken, Fred
Hernandez, Ed
Kennedy, Bob
Organ, Pat
Ogozalek, Stan
Jendzo, Victor

Prochilo, Joe
Randall, Elmer
Rotschi, Bob
Rounbehler, Joe
Sinko, Tony
Smith, John R.
Turton, I.M.
Young, Ed
Zink, Don

(* Disq - Not listed on roster)

FLYING REPORT, 3rd Fall - While still working on the bulletin I received the results of the last fly of the season, so I thought to get it out.

J. & M. Rounbehler used three 1973 hens to take the 1st place with 11 hours and 25 minutes in the official class. I used three young birds, two of which were new, going 10 hours and 41 minutes to win the honor class. Other respectable times came from Don Zink 10-31, Ed Young 9-37, Ed Buraczewski 8-10, Wm. Conboy 10-00, and Bob Rotschi 9-22

Richard Seabridge had an overly after flying 11 hours 56 minutes; also Bob Kennedy could not drop birds within the hour after flying 10 hours 36 minutes. Congratulations to all who scored well. To Richard Seabridge we say better luck next time. We like to see him to make a come back next year. Also wishing better luck to Bob Kennedy. Well done by every one.

3rd FALL, Oct. 26, 27 - 1974

FLYER	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
J. & M. Rounbehler	11 hrs. 25 mins. (Trophy & Diploma)	John R. Smith
Don Zink	10 hrs. 31 mins. (Diploma)	Bob Kennedy
Ed Young	9 hrs. 37 mins (Diploma)	Henry Bampffield
Ed Buraczewski	8 hrs. 10 mins (Diploma)	Joseph Manaseri
Richard Seabridge	Disq - Over fly after 11 hrs. 56 mins	G. Patterson Michael Neise, P. Talevi
Bob Kennedy	Disq - Failed to drop in the hour.	Murph Randall
Henry Bampffield	Disq - no start	
Svend Hansen, Angelo Decosimo, Dave Bortell, Bill Newbold	Disq., no reprot	

HONOR SYSTEM

Nasser Shirakbari	10 hrs. 41 mins.	(Trophy & Diploma)
Wm. Conboy	10 hrs. 00 mins.	(Diploma)
Robert Rotschi	9 hrs. 22 mins	(Diploma)
Jim Smith	2 hrs. 47 mins	
Tim Kvidera	Disq - no start	
Perc Hagan & E.R. Ball	Disq - no reprot	

NEW TIPPLER CLUB - The "CENTRAL JERSEY TIPPLER CLUB" has just been organized in affiliation with the FTA adopting our Constitution & By-Laws and Fly Rules. Their membership is composed of: Richard Seabridge, President; Dean Patterson, V.P.; Michael Niese, Secretary; Steve Blizz; and Pete Talevi.

Their Secretary writes: This club has been formed to supply competition for its members within a reasonable locale and to keep interest in the sport keen. We have absorbed the suggestions you made in your letter to Dick Seabridge and hope to make every effort, as an organization, to be a credit to the FTA and the sport."

This club has been organized with a good foundation and I am sure they will be a credit to us.

The FTA recognizes "the Central Jersey Tippler Club" as a flying organization in America. Our congratulations to all of you.

NEW MEMBERS - Ted Kerodi - Rd #1, Box 92E, Hoffman Station Rd.
Englishtown, N.J. 07726

Frank Witowski - Rd #1., Box 282, Clinton, PA. 15025

Mileusnich, J.L. - 4161 Eastern Ave., Las Vegas, Nev. 89109

We extend a warm Welcom to all these gentlemen

During the past month I was busy trying to find a suitable replacement for myself. My two choice candidates were Ed Young and Tim Kvidera, but both gentlemen declined the offer at this time due to their responsibilities and work load. However both offered to assist me anyway they could. Meanwhile I skipped a bulletin last month because I was stuck in the middle of the recent problems with no answers. I conducted my own investigation and found some answers. I have discussed them with Mr. Funk on few occasions and we are ready to take on the matters.

Robert Rotschi - The ATU club recently brought some charges against Robert Rotschi resulting in taking one of his flies away from him. Rotschi had prepared a defense with sufficient evidence having forwarded it to the ATU's Secretary. Somehow his defense was found ineffective and loss of the fly. Rotschi sent me copies of all material for our review. It is a large volume and indeed extensive. After I reviewed the material, I forwarded them to Mr. Funk with my comments. He too studied them carefully.

We are both in agreement that this is a classical case of conspiracy that was engineered against Rotschi. We are both in agreement that FTA under no circumstances is going to tolerate this sort of unsportsmanship conduct by any member in the FTA. We are not going to allow unauthorized inspectors to sneak around your corner and run down your alley yelling "You are out, you are out", disturbing the peace of the neighborhood. I will be preparing a case in behalf of Rotschi and presenting it to the FTA officers. The case will present charges against those individuals, and if found justified, those individuals shall be suspended from "Timing" and "Flying" during the year 1975 or shall be expelled from the FTA.

Joseph Rounbehler - It was my stand that we should not over-look the Rounbehler's incidence and we should enquire about the entire matter. I spoke with Ed Young and he volunteered to give me the entire story. He answered all questions to the best of our satisfaction, therefore there will be no "Cover Up" charges against the DVR club, as I had intended it in the beginning. At this time we will take up the Rounbehler's case and hopefully conclude this matter:

CASE REPORT - Rounbehler flying and John Smith Timing. Two club members coming up the alley and hearing a "Clapping" of hands while birds flying low. John Smith was just going in the house to get a drink. A door slam was also heard. Another member reported the incidence to Ed Young. He called a meeting with Earl Grollman V.P. to chair the meeting. The matter was discussed and voted. The fly was passed by a 7 to 6 vote. It was noted that the two visitors watched the fly and signed the Report form without saying anything at the time.

DISCUSSION - According to this report the following are to be considered:

1. The clapping of hands was not seen by the visitors. Therefore, the possibility of other sounds that could be interpreted as hand clap can not be ruled out. Also knowing the fact that a door slam was heard about the same time.
2. The visitors failed to mention the hand clap to the flyer and Timer at the time of arrival or during their stay and ask about it.
3. They actually signed the fly report

The signing of the fly report by those gentlemen implies that, they too were in doubt about the hand clap at the time, and what changed their mind later, we don't know. Nonetheless with their signature on the fly report signifying their approval of the fly, no way we can sustain any charges against Joseph Rounbehler.

The above incident occurred long ago and has no correlation to the record fly, therefore we will proceed with the record presentation.

Voting Results - Yes 20; No 4; Abstained 4

THE FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA HEREBY CERTIFIES MR. JOSEPH AND MARK ROUNBEHLER OF PHILADELPHIA, PA., AS THE HOLDER OF THE FTA OFFICIAL OLD BIRD RECORD WITH A TIME OF 15 HOURS & 15 MINUTES ON MAY 25, 1974.

FTA SECRETARY-TREASURER

Nasser Shirakbari

Many congratulations to Joe and Mark. I know Joe and have met him, as I have had the pleasure of having met many of you. Joe is a keen pigeon man and a dedicated Tippler flyer. He flew his record fly fair and square and he is deservant of recognition for his accomplishment. Congratulations.

BANDS - 1975 bands were delivered to us few days ago. All in good shape. Our cost of bands have increased the past couple years, but we still charge the same. Please remember bands are sold at 6¢ each in multiples of 25's; such as 25, 50, 75, 100. Please don't send me \$2.00 and say send me that much bands. That figures 33 bands which splits the series.

NEW IMPORTS - Robert Prisco of Moorestown, N.J. has recently imported 5 pairs of competition Tipplers from Swansea, England. He sent us an "Open Letter Of Thanks" to the English gentlemen who imported the birds. It is fine letter, and sorry that we can not get the whole letter in this page; but a copy of the letter was sent to the APJ for future publication. This paragraph should suffice in expressing Prisco's appreciations:

"My family and I would like to offer our sincere gratitude and thanks to our new friends Edna and Arthur Davies, Mr. John Lewis, Mr. Syd Passmore and Mr. Tom Sheppard and family; all of Swansea England for their generosity and tireless efforts in our joint endeavor."

Congratulations to Mr. Prisco for the new Imports. It was the imports that got the ball rolling for this new generation of the Tippler flyers.

GRAND NATIONAL SHOW - Your entry blanks are enclosed in the last page. If you plan to attend, write for Hotel reservation to:

Shelburne Hotel

"On the Boardwalk", Atlantic City, N.J., 08404

Bob Kennedy will Preside the meeting with Ed Young as the acting Secretary. A minutes of the meeting should be send to us for use in the bulletin. One of the matters I would like to see it discussed is the Flying Schedule. Previously we discussed it in the bulletin somewhat. Joe Kelley recently suggested this: "One idea would be to have the same schedule but add one, two or three optional flys for the flyers who want to fly early in the Spring. Also add one, two or three optional flys for flyers who want to fly later in the Fall." - Later he suggested the optional flys can become only Diploma flys to make it feasible economically.

AWARDS - I have got your Diplomas for the last two series ready to go. Your check for the trophies will accompany the Diplomas. Tim Kvidera will take care of Mr. Ball's trophies. Also I will ask him buy mine and send them to me the same way. There is no trophy shops around here. Tim will be taking on more responsibilities in the coming year.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY & STATE _____

HOW WILL BIRDS ARRIVE AT SHOW? _____

Breed		Color	Year and Sex	Band Assn.	Band Number	Tags			Secretary's Use Only			Entry No.
						In	Out	Coop Number	Place	Number in Class	Amount	
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GRAND NATIONAL PIGEON SHOW
 SHIP BIRDS TO
 SHELBORNE HOTEL
 ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

JANUARY 22 - 26, 1975

ENTRY FEE \$1.50 PER BIRD
 EXCEPT KINGS \$2.00

ENTRIES CLOSE MIDNIGHT, Jan. 1, 1974

Mail Entry to: **HERB HERR**
 3 Carlisle Court
 York, Pa. 17404

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1. Failure to recognize any or all rules will exclude entry.
2. This show recognizes all seamless bands of a reputable banding organization. All birds entered must be seamless banded.
3. Reliable and competent judges have been selected and their decisions may be appealed only upon written request to the executive committee of the National Pigeon Assn., Inc., not later than twelve (12) hours after the disputed decision. All appeals must be accompanied by \$5.00 which is forfeited if the judge's decision is sustained.
4. The right is reserved to disqualify all unworthy specimens. Each specimen must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor and shown in its natural condition.
5. The show management will not be responsible for the loss of birds; however, the best of care will be given in every way. Clean feed and water will be supplied daily.
6. A marked catalog, giving complete listing of classes with correct band numbers, breeder's name and address and awards will be published after the show and sent free of charge to all exhibitors.
7. All birds will be singly cooped.
8. Substitution will only be permitted when made in the same class, color, age and sex as original entry.
9. Where display awards are made, the specialty club involved will provide its own rule for determining points scored.
10. The management reserves the right to reject unhealthy or diseased specimens received for exhibition. If sickness develops, the bird will be removed from the exhibition hall and at the discretion of the management may be destroyed.
11. Birds will be released Sunday, January 26, 1975. Not before. No birds will be allowed to be taken from the building without a release form signed by the Superintendent.
12. Prizes won at this Show will be paid by the Secretary of the Specialty Club, when such Club is sponsoring the Breed. Where no such official agreement exists between a Specialty Club and the Show Management, the Secretary of the National Show will pay the following open class money.

No. in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
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27	2.75	2.25	1.75	1.25	1.00	.75						
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29	2.75	2.25	1.75	1.25	1.00	.75						
30	2.75	2.25	1.75	1.25	1.00	.75						
31-40	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	1.25	1.00	.75					
41-50	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	1.25	1.00	.75	.50			
51-60	3.75	3.25	2.75	2.25	1.75	1.50	1.25	1.00	.75			
61-70	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.75	1.50	1.25	1.00	.75		
71-80	4.25	3.75	3.25	2.75	2.25	2.00	1.75	1.50	1.25	1.00	.75	.75
81-90	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.25	2.00	1.75	1.50	1.25	1.00	1.00
91-100	4.75	4.25	3.75	3.25	2.75	2.50	2.25	2.00	2.00	1.75	1.75	1.50

13. Birds of every class shall be placed for the entire class shown.
14. The Grand National Champion of each breed will be awarded one of the coveted GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CERTIFICATES.
15. Specialty club meets will establish their own classes. Where no such club is involved, classes will be provided for old cocks, old hens, young cocks and young hens and colors in accordance with Wendell M. Levi's book, "The Pigeon."
16. No birds will be allowed in the show room on which the entrance fee has not been paid.

FTA BULLETIN

JANUARY 1975

Another year is behind us, a year that has marked its significance in our history. We spent most of the year discussing Rules and By-Laws. Was it necessary? Yes. All of you had some good ideas, and you were presented the opportunity to be heard, and we made use of your ideas in updating the rules. To some this might mean a lot of work and headache. To us it means progress for the better instead of stagnation. The year was also marked with outstanding Flys throughout the year by both Official and Honor flyers in addition to the establishment of two new records in either systems. Also we put another mark in our history for bickering distastefully which might have stemmed from misunderstanding, lack of good judgement, and perhaps jealousy. Let's examine our situation.

In the past few years I have endeavored to bring the Tippler sport out of its shell. When no one dared to discuss the Rules and By-Laws, I continually probed at it for examination as well and discussion for learning. I felt everyone should know the rules, feel free to discuss it with certainty, and not everyone have its own interpretation as to this and that. They must be clear. For same token, when someone asked us about records, we did anything to get out of answering the question, being afraid that we might get into a hassle or hurt someone's feelings. I felt this has gone long enough and we should no longer resort to double talk. We should have a clear path, know where we are, and where we are going. My past two years have been spent in breaking the ice on this subject.

The awareness of the membership, communication and making them a part of what is going on, has been another aspect in this endeavor. And so on.

Now we must look into the future. In the light of recent happenings, I should imagine that it has taken something away from some of us in the way of our flying progress. Should it or not? I say not. We have come a long way and we should not allow these things get in our way. What we need to know is to understand the problem.

In the year 1974 we shocked ourselves by outstanding flys, not being mentally prepared for it. You must realize you have got good weapons now and have learned how to use them. So don't be shocked at the results. I can go to a lengthy detail to show you the flying results of about five years ago and a few years after the introduction of the imports, the results were not so hot. The learning, the dedication and the enthusiasm is what has changed the picture.

Now we must settle another problem before I can see a clear road ahead of us in 1975. And that concerns the Rotschi matter.

I have neither the time nor the desire to go through the lengthy process of conducting a full enquiry of the individuals involved in the conspiracy against Rotschi. Let it be known that in my mind and Bob Funk's judgement it is quite clear the charges against Rotschi were homemade and it was dealt with in an unjust manner. And so far as we are concerned his fly in question is good and remains in our book. If some of you think that we should carry on with a full enquiry, let me know, and I'll turn this over to the Board of Directors and let them handle it. If not, then we can get on with the main business, that is "To enjoy the hobby".

Something all of you should learn is to not get yourself in a situation of having your reputation in line for any sort of discrepancies, and as the result put us in the spot and an awkward position trying to get you out of it. Enough said. Now let's go on and look into future and enjoy the hobby.

HONOR TIPPER CLUB ORGANIZED - Last week we informed you of the organization of the Central Jersey Tippler Club. Just had a note from David Bortell telling me of the possibility of a Tippler Club in Ludington Michigan, and now we have another club already organized, "THE HONOR TIPPER FLYERS" in the New-York area.

This club was formed few months ago and recently they decided to affiliate with the FTA and take part in our flys. As the name implies they fly in the Honor System. The club was founded by William Conboy of Patchogue, L.I. - They have simplified our Rules and By-Laws to two pages and sent it to me for review. It looked in order and was accepted. Situations that are not covered in their Rules, it is covered in ours, and since in our flys, they be using our Rules, we should not have any problem. Here is a list of their members: Bill Conboy, Bob Rotschi, Fred Hencken, John Accardi, Frank Ratel, Anthony Pietranski, Mike Seiler, Clifford Heath, Richard Albin, Jeff Lingenfelter, Gerri Rotschi.

Officers: Board Of Directors - Bill Conboy, Bob Rotschi, Fred Hencken
Frank Ratel
Secretary - Treasurer.....Robert Rotschi
Assistant SecretaryGerri Rotschi
Central TimerBill Conboy

There are also two Junior members: Gail Rotschi and Charles Williams

Their flying schedule is set around FTA's basic flying schedule as we always had in addition to some extra flys. They have five flys in 1st and 2nd series and 4 in the last series. They start from March the 1st and go on to November 2nd.

To call it like it is I must say this club was formed in response to the bickering that has infested our Tippler sport in recent past year. And no doubt the Official flying will be in Jeopardy if official flys continue to be tagged by discrepancies, accusations, charges and counter-charges. Our role in the FTA is to protect and promote the sport at both ends for enjoyment of all. And this will be done at the cost of whatever system that must prevail.

The club of the "Honor Tippler Flyers" was formed in a spirit of sportsmanship, For the enjoyment of those who take pleasure in Tippler flying. They have affiliated with the FTA for no other reason, but for knowing what we stand for, and for their sincere commitment to the sport and support of the FTA. Its all a two way thing; without the support of the Tipplermen throughout the Country, there wouldn't be a FTA, and without the FTA, The Tippler sport in America would get no where.

The last Rule No. 20 of the H.T.F. says "The most important Rule; Let's keep in mind this club was founded on Honesty and friendship and we will get more enjoyment from the sport if we help our fellow man. Give the new man some helpful suggestions so that we all work to make the Tippler sport a lot of pleasure."

Their Club Secretary, Bob Rotschi writes: "We are looking forward, with great anticipation to a harmonious relationship with the FTA. Through working together, I hope that we can establish a better understanding of all Tipplermen and work for the development of this wonderful little flying wonder, which makes us all so enthusiastic."

The FTA club hereby recognizes the "HONOR TIPPER FLYERS" Club as a flying Tippler club in America. We extend our congratulations to all your members and officers, and looking forward to a mutual relationship in promoting and enjoying the sport.

1975 BANDS - I looked at the bands last week and found they are not as good in quality as previous years. Some of them have sharp edges. So Examine your bands and file the sharp edges before banding your birds. I will write to Gey Band And Tag Co. and let them know about it.

Again, please order your bands in multiples of 25's. Bands are sold at 6¢ each. Futurity bands \$1.00 each.

ARTICLES IN THE APJ - We appreciate E.R. Ball and I.M. Turton for writing some articles for the APJ which appeared in the last issue. They were both very interesting. Stanley Ogozalek wrote one last year and his has not come through yet. And my record article has been on the hold much longer than I have expected. I have written him for the 3rd time and have asked him about it. I told him that the article needs to be updated, I have received no type of response from him at all. Whats going on I do not know.

Tim Kvidera wrote the 1975 flying results and the APJ last month. It should come out in the next issue. In any case we need a steady publicity at all times. Last year I was unable to write much and I don't think I can do much this year. So I am going to withdraw my name as the Publicity director. Mr. Funk and Tim should do the steady writing on what's going on regarding Flys and club activities.

FLYING SCHEDULE - From time to time when I hear from Joe Kelley, he writes a short note and make some constructive suggestions. Joe finally has put it together for me piece by piece. This is what he suggested and I am inclined to accept it. He suggests that we keep the same schedule as always but to add on as many flys as we want to it on an optional bases. For instance we can add on two flys to the Spring series at earlier dates and one to the Fall series at a later date. A flyer can pick out any 3 flys but only 3 of the five flys of the spring at his on option. This way those who can not fly the earlier flys, can stay with the basic shedule, and those who wish to fly earlier can do so. And since only 3 flys are the limit, it does not affect anyones aggregate, but it offers choice of weather condition for those in warmer climates as well as others. H.T.F. has already fixed their schedule around our basic shedule, and have added their own extra flys. This system makes it possible for all clubs to make their schedule ahead of time without any inconvenience of changes from year to year. You fellows think it over and talk about it at the National and let me know. If you do not understand the above description, write or call.

FLY RULES AND BY LAWS - This is just a short note to remind Mr. Ed Young that we would like to have the Rules printed and ready to go at least a month before the flys begin. You may already had the ball rolling.

NEW MEMBERS - We would like to Welcome these gentlemen to the FTA

Dale E. Peters - 507 E. Dowland St., Ludington, Mich 49431

Helmut Lemke - 16 Ellen St. W., Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.

LIFE MEMBER & OUTSTANDING MEMBER - All of you know Robert B. Funk, our club President. In fact when one thinks of the FTA, automatically thinks of Bob Funk. He has been with the club since the beginning, not only as a paying member but one who has served it in many ways. I think its about time we extend to him our appreciations by giving him a Life membership. Also I would like to suggest that you give him the NPA outstanding award for this year. Indeed he is deserving of it for his past and present services.

FINANCIAL REPORT - I have closed the book for 1974 at \$427.01. We have no outstanding bill. All trophies are paid, so is the 1975 APJ advertisement, and 1975 bands. I'll give you a complete break down in the next bulletin.

Birds For Sale - W.J. MacBass is giving up his Tiplers because of his location and lack of time to work with them. Has Lovatts and Black Badges at reasonable prices. If interested write to:

William J. MacBass - 3231 So. 3960 W., Salt Lake City Utah 84120

ELECTION - The following have withdrawn their names from nomination.

Edwin Young, President; William Conboy, E. V.P.; Nasser, Pub. Director.

Please write the name of the candidate of your choice in blanks provided, Cut at the line and forward to me at:

Nasser Shirakbari - 176 Mcknight Dr., Monticello, AR 71655

NOTE: They have re-numbered our town, my number is changed to 176

PRESIDENT : _____

Funk, Robert
Hernandez, Ed
Kennedy, Robert

EASTER V.P. : _____

Ball, E.R.
Hagan Perc
Kennedy, Bob
Rotschi, Bob
Zink, Don

WESTERN V.P.: _____

Jack Ehli

Secretary- Treasurer: _____

Nasser Shirakbari

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR: _____

Robert Funk

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Choose only five.

Anderson, Roy
Ball, E.R.
Bampffield, Henry
Bortell, David
Buraczewski, Edward
Hagan, Perc
Hencken, Fred
Hernandez, Ed
Kennedy, Bob
Organ, Pat

Ogozalek, Stanly
Jendzo, Victor
Prochilo, Joe
Randall, Elmer
Rotschi, Bob
Rounbehler, Joe
Sinko, Tony
Smith, John R.
Turton, I.M.
Young, Edwin
Zink, Don

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

LIFE MEMBER:

Robert B. Funk

Yes _____

NO _____

OUTSTANDING MEMBER: Write the name of an outstanding member of your choice.

OUTSTANDING MEMBER: _____

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NON-FLYING MEMBERS - We would like to give a recognition to the members who can not participate in the FTA Flys for various reasons. These members whom constitute majority of the members are in fact are a vital part of the sport. They have Tipplers flying them for their enjoyment at their own times. They support the FTA by their membership to the club, and it is their dollars giving much support to our flying program. We express our thanks to all of you for being a Tipplerman, and your support of the club.

RULES AND BY-LAWS - Enclosed you will find our revised Fly rules and Constitution & By-Laws. Part of these rules are from the work of our predecessors, and the rest are revisions made in the recent past and now. Thanks to Ed Young and Bob Kennedy for doing the ground work on it. Also many thanks to Henry Bampffield for doing an outstanding job of printing, and furthermore for not charging us to do it. Also Thanks to those members who contributed with their ideas making this a revision made by the members and not one made by one individual. We have a fine piece of work to be proud of, and fine set of rules to go by. Hang on to your rules since we don't plan to send one out every year. There are couple of misspelled words here and there, but on the last page under No. 36, scratch out the words "Yes; No".

1974 AGGREGATE TIMES - Edward Buraczewski wins the official 1974 aggregate with 58 hours and 48 minutes. Nasser Shirakbari wins the honor aggregate with 62 hours 08 minutes. The top five are as follows; all are subject to recheck in case I have mis-added.

OFFICIAL		HONOR	
1. Edward Buraczewski	58-48	1. Nasser Shirakbari	62-08
2. Robert Rotschi	57-42	2. Tim Kvidera	27-14
3. J & M Rounbehler	51-36	3. Robert Rotschi	24-32
4. Don Zink	43-09	4. E.R. Ball	22-09
5. Bob Kennedy	27-45	5. Jim Smith	17-26

All of you check your Times and let me know if I made an error before these are entered in the record book.

In the Honor System we have Tripple crown aggregate trophy called the "MA KA SU" donated by Mr. Bob Ball. The receipt must win a total of three aggregates at different times to receive this. We don't send a trophy each year to the winners. So far the names registered for the "MA KA SU" are: Frank Hampson 1972; David Bortell 1973, Nasser 1974. I figure we should have something like this for the Official Flyers, starting now. The club will put up this Triple Crown aggregate trophy for the Official system. Edward Buraczewski has the choice to either receive a trophy now or just have his name registered as the first winner for the triple crown. Only one not both, please let me know.

RECORD BOOK & HISTORY - In the past our records have been limited to scattered accumulated papers. When I was inducted on the job, I purchased a small record book and entered the records in it. I knew all along this has to be a temporary thing and sooner or later we should come up with a true record book to remain in the club from here on. In my opinion its never too late and now is the time.

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RECORD BOOK & HISTORY - Tim Kvidera has been appointed to do the job and he has accepted. I will make my book available to him with the necessary instructions as to spacing for explanations and a summary of history of each year. The book itself will be a large hard-binder with no loose leaves. A loose leaf binder, pages can easily be taken out, typed with false information and put back without anyone noticing. The neatness is another thing. With my little book, I usually cut the flying reports out of an extra bulletin and stuck it to a page. In matter of years, this causes the book to become too thick and go out of shape. And since it is not a loose binder, you can not type on it. So, it has to be written long hand neatly. As far as the history is concerned, we need not to write an essay for each year. Simply recap the significant event of each year into one or two paragraphs, similar to what I had in the beginning of the last bulletin. So, this will be the main project for this year and an important one.

FINANCIAL REPORT - For the most part we are financially in good shape. however certain adjustments must be made this year if we are to remain solvent. Let's look at the figures first:

Balance Carried over 1973	\$ 548.69
Income 1974 (Dues, Bands, Fly fees etc.	775.60
TOTAL	1324.29
EXPENSE 1974	
Flying Trophies.....	\$ 232.30
Nat. Show Trophies ...	26.00
1975 Bands	133.35
1975 APJ Adv.	84.24
Central Timer Exp. ...	40.00
Secretary Salary	136.90
General Exp.	244.49
TOTAL	\$897.28
Balance	427.01

The present book balance is \$ 563.51. The deposit in bank is same plus \$2.00. We were \$2.00 over.

The main two figures to look at is the Income and Expense for 1974. you will note that we spent more than we took in. This, we can't have. The following adjustments are on order:

The Secretary will draw only \$85 for his work last year. We put the base pay on trophies for flies under 10 hours and up to 8 hours at \$8.00. all flies over 8 hours to receive \$1.00 extra for every hour. That is all winners with 6, 7, and 8 hours Times will receive a \$8.00 trophy, those flying over 8 hours will receive \$8.00 plus one dollar for every extra hour. A 10, 12, 14 hour fly will get 10, 12, 14 dollars respectively. The cost of stamps have been enormous for mailing bulletins which we can't do nothing about. The 3rd class mail use to be efficient, and now we can't say that about the 1st class mail. The cost of mailing bulletins to few Foreign members have been about 1/4 the total mailing cost. I.M. Turton has agreed to pay us a few extra dollars to cover his extra Air mail cost. As for others, the sponsors can either send in couple extra dollars or not to pay membership dues but I furnish them with an extra bulletin, and you take charge of the mailing abroad. To cover the mailing cost of the extra bulletin, just send couple dollars for that. Bands were another loss we incurred. Last year we purchased 4000 and sold 3000, taking loss for 1000 bands. I purchased 3500 for 1975 and we'll see.

I am sure the question that pop in your mind is what is the idea of extra savings while we are doing allright. I am thinking of the club's self-sufficiency. Our club need to have a memograph of its own. Dave Jordan used the equipments at the place of his work. Mr. Jack Ehli used his own equipments. I am using my own. I bought an old machine at a garage sale. The fellow showed me all the tricks how to work it. I have repaired few times the last few years and still a stack of paper can go through it in one strock. its a heck of a mess to operate this thing. I don't want the new machine, but we got to get one for the future secretary. And when the time comes, we want the money to be there. Maybe now you can see why the penny pinching.

PRESIDENT - Robert Funk 26; Ed Hernandez 3; Bob Kennedy 8
Eastern Vice President - Bob Ball 7; Perc Hagan 11; Bob Kennedy 3;
Bob Rotschi 17; Don Zink 1.

Board Of Directors - Roy Anderson 1; E.R. Ball 14; Henry Bampffield 8; David Bortell 4; Ed Buraczewski 7; Perc Hagan 8; Fred Hencken 8; Ed Hernandez 13; Bob Kennedy 9; Pat Organ 9; Stan Ogozalek 4; Victor Jendzo 7; Joe Prochilo 8; Elmer Randall 4; Bob Rotschi 15; Joe Rounbehler 4; Tony Sinko 4; John Smith 2; I.M. Turton 4; Ed Young 22; Don Zink 4; Bill Conboy 14.

OUTSTANDING MEMBER - Bob Funk 20; Nasser Shirakbari 12; Bob Kennedy 2;
Bob Ball 3; Joe Rounbehler 1

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1975-76 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Robert B. Funk
Eastern V.P.	Robert Rotschi
Western V.P.	Jack Ehli
Sec. Treas.	Nasser Shirakbari
Publicity Director	Bob Funk

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Edwin G. Young
Robert Rotschi
E.R. Ball
William Conboy
Edward Hernandez

(Voting ballots are subject to checking and recount by a committee if requested,)

NEW MEMBERS - We would like to Welcome the following new members:

John Accardi - 699 Christee St., Hempsted N.Y. 11550
Anthony Pietranski - MD 1, Helms Hill Rd., Washingtonville, N.Y. 10992
Mike Seiler - 22 Grace St., Bloomfield, N.J. 07003
Clifford Heath - 16 Race Place, Oakdale N.Y. 11769
Jeff Lingenfelter - 28 E. Fulton St., Long Beach, N.Y. 11561
Ferri Rotschi - 84 Windsor Ave., Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570
Dennis L. Radi - 330 Summit, Apt 2, Crookston Minn. 56716
Tom Noble - 4105 19th St., Lubbock, Texas 79410
John Harris - 2008 E. Fletcher St., Phila Pa. 19125
Kevin Lingenfelter - 28 E. Fulton St., Long Beach, N.Y. 11561
E. Mazur - 5 Johnson Rd., Trenton N.J. 08638
Frank DePiano - 255 Eaton Ave., Trenton N.J. 08619
Leon Abbott - 1051 Fairmount Ave., Trenton N.J. 08629
Bela Kiss - P.O. Box 65, E. Falmouth, MA 02536

Clifford Heath and Bela Kiss are old members. We are glad to have them back.

GRAND NATIONAL - Just received report of the National Show and meeting from Ed Young. They will appear in the next bulletin.

FEW BREEDING NOTES

1. Breeding season is here and hope that you have a good one all the way. One thing is different this year as compared with previous years is the cost of feed and lower demand for selling birds.
2. If you had your cocks and hens separated during the year, you can put them together easier, your hens be stronger and healthier.
3. Settle pairs to their compartments properly to eliminate fighting and Chaos. This you can do by putting pairs in their compartments for few days, and let out a pair each day, or settle the hens to the compartments by themselves, then introduce the cocks, letting out a pair at a time.
4. If possible, worm breeding pairs in advance
5. Recondition breeding pairs by adding some Canary Mix feed to their diet. Also mix their feed each day with a small amount of Cod Liver oil and Vit. E. oil. Cod Liver oil contains Vit. A and D
6. Do not breed any pairs on the floor. Floor should be the common ground for all of them to eat and drink and later for youngsters to stay on.
7. Do not over crowd with an extra pair of breeders. It only takes an extra pair to cause over-crowdedness.
8. Check eggs for fertility by holding them between your forefinger and thumb and funneling you hand, and holding it in front of a light or sun, looking for embryo or thread of veins. This is done after the 3rd day both eggs have been laid.

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FTA BULLETIN

MARCH 1975

NPA GRAND NATIONAL SHOW MEETING AND SHOW RESULTS

By: Edwin G. Young

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Saturday afternoon the official meeting of the Flying Tippler Association of America began with FTA Eastern Vice President Bob Kennedy presiding and Edwin Young acting as Secretary of the meeting.

Bob Kennedy welcomed all the members to the meeting and in attendance were members of the American Tippler Union, Delaware Valley Region Club, Central New Jersey Club and the Honor Tippler Flyers Club, a well represented group of clubs.

Bob read a letter from our FTA President, Bob Funk. Bob expressed his sincere regrets that he would not be able to attend and preside at the meeting but had all the confidence that between the members, Bob Kennedy and Ed Young, there would be a good meeting.

Nasser Shirakbari, Secretary of the FTA, in a letter to Ed Young, wished all the boys an enjoyable National Show and meeting and a successful flying year in 1975. A letter to Ed Young from Tim Kvidera, FTA Central Timer was read and the subject matter of optional flies was requested to be brought up at the meeting. Tim said he was sorry that they were not able to be at the show this year but was looking forward to meeting the "East coast gang" next year.

Ed Young read an article from a local newspaper by Sydney Harris entitled "Disagreeing can Be A Fine Art".

Bob Kennedy capitalized on that and asked for questions and discussion from the membership.

A question was asked regarding the flying rule #15 which reads "Flyer's boundary is 100 ft. radius from center of flying loft". A case in point was that a bird landed within bounds of the loft but the building or trees were higher than 100 ft.

It was recommended that in order to make rule #15 clearer the word "ground" should be replaced by the word radius making the rule to read as follows: "Flyer's boundary is 100 ground radius feet from the center of the flying loft".

A question was asked by Bob Kennedy "that if a loft is affixed or is part of a house and the flyer is going to use lights and someone turns a light on in another part of the house would time be taken?"

Joe Rounbehler's reply was that sound judgement must be exercised by the Timer and if there should be any doubts in any matter in the future by any Timer, the Timer should use rule #33, document as much information as possible and send it to the Central Timer and let him and the Executive Board resolve the matter.

The flying schedules were discussed and Ed Young presented Henry Bampfield's proposal in having an Old Bird Series in the Spring and early summer and a Young Bird Series in the Fall. These Series could be in a combination of six (6) O.B.S. and three (3) Y.B.S. or 5 O.B.S. and 4 Y.B.S.

Bampfield's premise was that young birds are not given a real chance for competition under favorable weather conditions. Ed Young brought to mind that in order to have any continuity in the betterment of the breed a young bird series in the fall may be the answer. By having only an old and young bird series this will make the flyer breed and fly young birds in order to get any aggregate time for the year. This will also enable a flyer to lock up his old birds and fully concentrate on the young birds for

the Fall series. In the second year, the young birds will be yearlings and then be in competition with the old birds. The flyer will then have to decide which birds are the better birds in his loft. He may fly a combination of yearlings and old birds, but he will be confronted with the process of elimination thereby giving continuity of the breed by flying only his best birds and eventually best flyers to best flyers. In genetics, the term like begets like".

It was agreed once again as last year that time is the essence and we agreed to leave the flying schedule the same as last year.

I'm hopeful that some dialogue will prevail thru the ensuing months and a flying schedule agreeable to all will be decided on before the end of the year.

Bill Newbold asked that if there isn't any futurity winner that the money should accrue until such time as there is a winner.

Bob Prisco brought up the suggestion of another American Pigeon Journal Tippler Special and asked everyone to save their pictures of lofts and birds and any articles they may think of writing for the special. If prevailed upon Bob volunteered his services to act as coordinator or Co-Coordinator for the flying Tippler Special.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Smith and seconded by Stanley Ogozalek.

In another article for the APJ, Ed Young gives a description of the judging, and the Show results as follows:

"On Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. we tried a system of a three man judging team. One judge Joe Prochilo (DVR) judged the young hens and young cocks. The second judge, Mickey Conticchio (ATU) judged the old hens and the third judge, Joe Rounbehler (DVR) judged the old cocks. The four winners were then judged by each judge separately and the results were given secretly to the Ring Steward, which was me. The placing was not in numerical sequence so that the judge who was judging did not influence the other judges. The Ring Steward then added the placings of the birds and the bird with the lowest number was the Grand National Champion flying Tippler. Surprisingly there was only one point difference between the first two birds. The winner received four points and the other bird five points.

Young Hen Trophy - DVR 74, 617, John Smith (DVR)

Young Cock Trophy - ATU 74, 1059, Clarence Williams (ATU)

Old Hen Trophy - ATU 68, 759, Robert Kennedy, (ATU)

Old Cock Trophy - ATU 70, 104, Robert Kennedy (ATU)

Flying Tippler Grand National Champion, ATU 68, 759, Bob Kennedy.

Congratulation to John Smith, Clarence Williams for their placements, and special congratulation to Bob Kennedy for his win of the Championship.

Thanks to all the participants and various clubs for supporting the show. Many thanks to the DVR Club for hosting the show and Ed young and Bob Kennedy conducting the meeting.

For further clarification lets go over some of the things that was discussed in the meeting.

The addition of "Ground" radius would mean that a kit still can dropp on a tree or a building in flyers boundry so long as the tree or the building in not over 100 feet high. am I correct on this? if not, then someone should explain it.

I agree with Joe Rounbehler about using sound judgement on the use of lights in the house while birds are flying at night. The little light reflections through the windows are insignificant to help a kit in any way. However if a flyer had rigged up some lights in the outside of the house that would come on when the lights were turned on in the house, objections

are in order.

I am very much in agreement with Henry Bampffield's proposal of flying schedule. This is very much like the schedule used by the English. The main thing that we need to work out is WHEN to start it and when to finish it. The main draw back with the optional schedule was that it would mean that many more flys and that many more trophies to pay for the same number of participants. The Schedule is one of the priorities that we will take up with officers shortly.

Regarding the Futurity money there are two things that you should consider:

1. When 4 or 5 people enter the fly, they in effect are bidding against each other and not their fore-commers. Some of these guys may not even enter the next year. How could they let their money go to someone whom they did not bid against?
2. So far as flying fees are concerned as compared with the type of awards we are giving in support of the flying program, the flying program is in the red in terms of dollars and cents. So this in small way has helped us the past two years.

Tippler Special - The idea of Tippler special is always good, but the timing should be right on it. At present the timing is not right.

1. we are under a probable exchange of Secretary. This would mean purchase of Memeograph machine and a typewriter for the club. The club finances will be somewhat tight. Also we should expect some degree of disorganization. Although we'll try to do this as organized as possible, still we should expect this year and part of next year before we can get our feet on the ground again.

2. We should guarantee the APJ 8 pages of advertisements at \$103.95 per page as compared to around \$70 four years ago per page. Economy is in sad shape and many families are living in a tight budget. If we make a commitment to Hollmann and can't meet it, he'll drop us like a sac of potato and with it goes our credibility as a group. I don't like to do anything that we can't finish.

3. We should have a complete unity among us and work this in a coordinated manner. I have my doubts about this aspect of it also.

4. Last time when we did the Tippler Special a lot of people pulled some fast ones on us because we were not on the driver's seat. You'll see a lot of people come out of the wood work try to take advantage of our expense and project to gain popularity. Some of those people have greater influence with Hollmann than we do and it would not take much for them to rip the profit at our expense. This was one of my most unhappy experience last time after all I had gone through.

I mentioned some of these to you so you can see it is more to it than strikes the eye, and so we be ready to do it when we are capable to handle it both financially and organizational-wise.

Along this line I have an idea that may woth while to consider, much less costly and no deadlines to meet. It is more a club project than a nation-wide project. But still will be our accomplishment for those in the hobby. This is to prepare a booklet similar to an annual, composed of pictures of each member, his loft and family or whatever as he chooses so, with a small write up on the individual as who he is, about his birds etc. This can be done by Ofset-Printing at a cost of \$2-3.00 per member. And I know every member in the club can afford this. One or both of our Printers can do this. Each local club can gather the pictures and the write-up, and collect from each member and send it to the Printer or a head coordinateor. We can assign an individual to do the same for all members in other areas. Once every thing is on hand, then we can print.

OFFICERS - During this month and the following months we will be discussing on few subjects that are of importance in our operation. The Local clubs that do not have an elected officers in the FTA may select a representative to take part in our discussion. This is done according to our Constitution Article VI, Section D. The ATU club and the Central Jersey club may each select a representative and let me know who they are so they can be included on the discussions. We will be talking about Flying schedule and other matters which I think every group should know what's going on and be a part of it. Simply an act of good faith and nothing else. So let me hear from you as soon as possible. The following is on the agenda, and more may be added as requested by the officers:

1. Secretary and Central Timer
2. FLYING Schedule
3. Resolving discrepancies
 - A. In a local club
 - B. In other areas
4. Investigational procedure
5. Flyer's behavior and attitude
6. Timer's Responsibilities

 1975 FLYING SCHEDULE - As to who are going to be Secretary and Central Timer, at this time we do not know for sure. Meanwhile I will be carrying on with my work and so is Tim. Those who want to sign up for the flys, send your entry fees to Tim Kvidera as usual. This is the flying dates for 1975.

SPRING (OLD BIRDS) - April 26, 27 - May 10, 11 - May 24, 25

Summer (YOUNG BIRDS) - June 7, 8 - June 21, 22 - July 5, 6

FALL (MIXED KIT) - September 27, 28 - October 11, 12 - October 25, 26

June 21, 22 is the Long day, where a mixed kit can be flown, and

July 5, 6 is the Futurity fly day.

I'll send out a regular fly schedule as soon as we have the Central Timer thing worked out.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - On the last Bulletin I marked on your bulletins if you were due to renew your membership in the current month or within the next couple months. The reason for this is that I am trying to prepare a current roster. If you plan to stay in the FTA this year, I would appreciate you sending your dues in during this month, so I can prepare the roster.

ARTICLE - In the next bulletin we will have an article written by Mr. Tom Sheppard of England dealing with "Timer", and liberation Time. A very interesting article, we can learn a lot from it.

TIPPLER FRIENDS - One of the more distinguished characteristic of our sport has been its closely knitted friendship among its members regardless of differences. I have had letters from members of other breeds who have applauded us for this type of relationship. This may become subject of an article some day. I would like to make mention of one of our friends who went through a lot last year.

Don Zink, whom I met couple years ago is always the life of the party, not a dull moment with him. He came up with Cancer last year, requiring an operation. He came through the operation well and was doing fine until he had another heart attack. With all that he managed to do some flying also. Bob Kennedy helped him to build a new loft, and I am glad to say that Don is bouncing back again. This was just a few words to tell Don that we are thinking of him and pulling for him.

Nasser

April 1975

I hope all of you are enjoying a good breeding season. Perhaps some of you have some youngster on the loft top by now. I banded four Futurity birds on the first round. The week I was suppose to put them on the loft top, rained and stormed all week long, and didn't get to put them out. The next week it was too late, and the youngsters too strong. All four hit the air the first time out, one came the next evening, and the other 3 lost. This is a typical Tippler story that comes about in the challenging endeavor of Tippler flying. One thing we should learn in this game, is to not let these losses to get to us. Keep plugging and the success comes at last.

We'll begin another season of flying end of this month. All FTA officers are wishing you a good flying season. We hope that you enter this season with a different attitude, an improvement over last year. Although winning is a part of competition, we like to think that our competitions are spirited by sportsmanship. Any two men can get together and make up a "Time". Then what is it that makes up our sport? It is the honor and trust that we place upon one another at the end. And I like to think that you place more values on yourself than to scold this trust and honor as a Tipplerman.

Your 1975 Schedule is enclosed, with Robert Prisco as the Official Central-Timer. Tim Kvidera still will be handling the job during this month; that is you can enter the flies as usual by sending your fee to Tim. By the end of this month, the Central Timer's transition will be completed and you should begin signing up for the flies and sending your reports to Robert Prisco. (SEND YOUR 1ST FLYING RESULTS TO ROBERT PRISCO)

As the first matter of club business for 1975, I requested from the Officers to accept my resignation, and thereupon, Tim Kvidera to succeed me. Also that Robert Prisco to become Central Timer, and be allowed to fly on the condition that he mail his fly report to the Secretary the following Monday after the fly. Both requests were approved by a vote of 5 yes and 3 abstained. The Secretary transition should take place sometime during this year.

The second matter of business is a new flying Schedule. This is being reviewed now. As it appears there is no drastic changes, only good sensible schedules. Four are being considered now. Things are going smoothly, and we will have a new schedule next year.

NEW MEMBERS - We would like to welcome the following members:

Sylvester O. Townsend, Chester PA.; Michael Bellamy, Jamaica, West Indies; Thomas J. Connolly, El Paso, Texas; Ormond K. Bryer, Owosso, Mich.; Rene Asencio, Patterson, N.Y.; Dennis E. Porter, Burbank, Ca.; Gregory Alan Horn, Flint, Mich.; Peter Lucci, Ontario, Canada; Donald Thornton, Menasha, WI; John Kruszinski, Cleveland, Ohio

DVR NEW OFFICERS - The Delaware Valley Region Flying Tippler Club, elected 3 new officers in their March meeting: Henry Bampffield, Vice President; John Smith, Treasurer. Also Bill Newbold was elected as DVR's representative in the FTA.

ARTICLE - In the next page you will find an article written by Mr. Tom Sheppard of Swansea, South Wales, England. It was written in form of a letter to Robert Prisco, and forwarded to us for bulletin use. To me the most impressive part of the article comes at the notations relating to a "Timer", or referee. A Timer's job does not begin or end by just being there. It requires a dedicated effort to ascertain the Time card that bears your signature, is a good one. Our Thanks to Mr. Tom Sheppard and Bob Prisco.

A LETTER FROM Mr. TOM SHEPPARD, SWANSEA, S. WALES

Regarding FTA Bulletin July 1974, 2½ hour Rules.
I think you will find that the first two hours of the competition are unique in that the competing birds are, NO. 1 liberated as dawn is breaking, or has just broken, or possibly before dawn has broken.

I think that rarely if ever are Tipplers liberated at this hour during their training. So it can be a strange un-nerving experience for many birds. No. 2, the birds that have been liberated at this early hour, have been subject to change of food, special feed, in fact they have been tuned up for the competition, that they may be able to endure a long hard fly. Here again, they only experience this super tuned up feeling four or five times in a season. This too can have a strange effect, at this early stage of the competition.

The combined effect often is that the kit will rise up and away to go. They will travel far and wide, with a clear blue sky very high indeed. In most cases they will have their run, and come back into sight well inside a two hour limit. They usually settle into a steady rhythm on their return. I am of the opinion that this early stage of the competition is the only time that necessitates an allowance of two hours. I deem it to be sensible and right.

I would however point out one or two facts which I have found can, and some times, do apply to this, the early stage of the competition.

Above all, we must remember that we are flying our Tipplers in competition. At all times we must make every reasonable effort to see them, and so prove that they are on the wing. By this I mean when the birds have travelled away.

I would assume that we each have danger spots in our area where we have known our birds to pitch on occasions. These spots must be visited, and check to ensure that the birds are not down. A good place to begin such a search is the top of the loft! yes the loft. I have found one of my kit on the loft when I thought it was flying high out of sight.

When the birds are liberated on a dark morning one must be on his toes. I have found many kits are not at all happy on such a morning. A dark morning is much more dangerous than a dark evening. When liberated under such conditions a kit may fly a short distance from the loft and pitch. As the sky lightens they will then take off and fly.

Another potential danger is the kit that is carrying food. Some birds will travel away out of sight, pitch and throw up this food. Then proceed to fly, often in fine style.

I can not stress the point too strongly during this two hour period, as indeed during the whole of the competition a Vigilant watch must be kept on the competing birds. Only by so doing can there be competition. Anything less than this and we have farce in place of competition. After a days good competition flying, I and my club colleagues are really tired men, we may have walked miles through wind and rain. For instance in early March, we have not seen the Sun all day and yet when I have gone to bed at the end of the day my face and the backs of my hands have been burnt with the wind. Until one experiences this sort of thing one may find it difficult to believe.

However such diligent refereeing brings one a wonderful feeling of satisfaction. Should I be successful in competition I can then step forward with pride and confidence to receive my prize. In the sure knowledge that I have made every reasonable effort to know that my birds have flown time stated on time card.

Here as in America fanciers develop their own manner of refereeing, the few words I have written, have been written in the hope that in some small way you chaps in America will have some idea as to how we in the Grenfell-Park referee our birds.

FLYING TIPPLER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

1975 FLYING SCHEDULE

SPRING SERIES (OLD BIRDS)

1. April 26, 27
2. May 10, 11
3. May 24, 25

SUMMER SERIES (YOUNG BIRDS)

1. June 7, 8
2. June 21, 22 (Long Day Fly); Old, Young or Mixed Kit
3. July 5, 6 (Futurity Fly)

FALL SERIES (OLD, YOUNG OR MIXED KIT)

1. September 27, 28
2. October 11, 12
3. October 25, 26

CENTRAL TIMER: Robert Prisco
Rd. 2, McElwee Rd.,
Moorestown, N.J. 08057

GENERAL RULES

1. Judges and flyers must follow the FTA Flying Rules
2. Please observe the Official and Honor System Rules
3. All flying reports must be submitted on the FTA's official Timers Report
4. To obtain Timers Report, an entry fee of \$1.50 per fly or \$10.00 for all flies must be forwarded to the Central Timer at least one week in advance of the scheduled fly. This is to assure ample time for flyer to receive the Timers Report.
5. The Timers Report must be postmarked the following Monday after the Fly.
6. Deviation from any Rules shall result in disqualification of flyer.

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD FLYING

FTA - JULY 1975

On behalf of the entire membership I would like to sincerely thank Nasser and Betty Kay Shirakbari for the tremendous amount of work they put in making the FTA what it is today. When circumstances necessitated it Nasser took over the reigns and brought the club through some very trying times. Under his capable leadership the FTA has become a smooth functioning, enjoyable organization with many competitive individuals trying to better each other in their efforts to advance the endurance Flying Tippler. I only hope that we can continue this growth while I am in office. I will need the continued cooperation and help of the entire membership to bring this off.

Nasser has sent me all properties belonging to FTA, and an inventory of same is available to those who so desire. I have purchased with club funds a mimeograph machine, a Rex Rotary model M-4 - \$260.00, and a portable electric typewriter, Sears Electric Power 12 - \$174.38. A Checking account in the name of the Flying Tippler Association of America has been opened with the Central Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis, Minn. Account number is 83-83-819. As of June 18 our treasury balance, all in the account, is \$180.98.

To introduce myself, I have had Tipplers for about sixteen years just for the enjoyment of watching them fly. Only the last five or six years have I tried to get them to fly for any length of time. And during two of these years Uncle Sam kept me 900 miles from my birds. I also breed exhibition Fantails and my wife, Lynn, raises Indian Fantails. I am pretty deep into genetics, especially color genetics, which we apply extensively in our breeding programs to both predict and understand what we get as well as create or transfer characteristics from one bird to another.

This bulletin is a little short on club business because it'll take me a while to get into the swing of things and know for sure what's happening. My first request of you members is please pay your dues if you are not now paid up. At the moment you probably have a better idea of whether you are currently paid up or not than I do. So if in doubt send them in. If the records show that you are already paid up I'll apply it to next years dues.

This year I thought we should try putting out more indepth fly reports. In the bulletins we shall carry band numbers of the flyer's kit as well as previously contained information. This should give the birds responsible as much recognition as their owner-trainer and give the membership a chance to see what a flyer is using to fly the times he does. Our central timer, Robert Frisco, has access to duplicating equipment and in his fly reports to the participants he includes a wealth of pertinent information. It is almost as if each participating flyer is getting a copy of everyone elses timers report with the fly results. So far all comments from flyers have been favorable. I invite all members to participate in our flying competition and see for yourself the great job Bob is doing.

After finding out that I was opening an account for the Flying Tippler Association the lady at the bank proceeded to ask me about airplanes! She must have thought we were a bunch of drunken pilots. Looks like we have a lot of public relations work to do.

We continued to have many members with kits that performed commendably. In the May 10th, 11th fly Ed Buraczewski turned in another good time, and this time finished on top of the Official System class, followed by a nice time by DonZink. Honor System went to E. R. Ball who gave his record a shot, but came up a little short with a 14:51. Other diplomas went to Howard Johnson, Tim Kvidera and Nasser Shirakbari.

In the May 24th, 25th fly Buraczewski again was a model of consistency with his 12:28 besting the other diploma times of Henry Bampffield and Ed Young -- who finally kept his birds out of the trees. Honor System went to Bill Conboy with the other diploma time belonging to Tim Kvidera.

Recent convert to Tipplerdom, Howard Johnson, was discussing the fly rules with his wife one night when the subject of needing a timer to fly on the Official System came up. Howard was telling her that without a timer he would have to fly on the Honor System to which she offered the following solution, "If all you need is a timer why don't you go out and buy one?". Howie was quick to reply, "But honey, I don't think Mrs. Kvidera will sell Tim."

Got a letter a while back from Bill Conboy that I found quite interesting. Quote, "I am sending this poem to you because I thought it might be nice for all the guys to see in our bulletin. Pat is 80 years old and remarkable for his age. I never saw anyone so happy in my life as when Pat won this fly."

ST. PATRICK'S DAY 1975

St. Patrick's Day was Monday
I looked up to the sky
My God I said St. Patrick
It's a lovely day to fly

I was thinking of my pigeons
And of what I ought to do
So out I went to my pigeon loft
An thought I'd look around

I took one look, was I surprised
For standing there before me
Were six birds with Irish eyes
They looked to me like shamrocks
And to my great surprise
When I let them out to fly
They did for eleven hours

And now I thank St. Patrick
For a lovely fly
For you should see my pigeons
Thousands of feet up in the sky
I thought they would go to heaven
To see the Golden Gate
And to meet St. Peter
To know what was their fate

St. Peter just took one look
And told them to go back
For he was not ready
So go right back to Pat

I know he is an Irishman
One of my own kind
I hope you get back safely
For you'll be on my mind

P. S. Pat's birds flew 11 hours and 42 minutes. He won the Honor Tippler Flyers fly. Congratulations Pat.

To Dick Seabridge and E. R. Ball we wish to extend our most sincere wishes for their speedy recoveries.

MAY 10TH, 11TH - 1975
OFFICIAL SYSTEM

FLYER	BAND NOS	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Ed Buraczewski	FTA-74-558,963,986	12:31	J. Manaseri
Don Zink	ATU-74-61,67,70,83	11:00	R. Kennedy
Dick Seabridge	FTA-74-2698,2694,2686	7:32	E. Mazur
J-M Rounbehler	FTA-73-24,27,1474	5:07	J. Smith
Henry Bampffield	DVR-74-42,30,9	DISQ-3:54	J. Harris Split by stray
Ed Young	FTA-73-1833,1815	DISA-5:29	B. Newbold Failed to trap in one hour
Bill Newbold	DVR-74-431	NO START	

HONOR SYSTEM

FLYER	BAND NOS	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
E. R. Ball	FTA-73-3302,3305 3310	14:51	Mrs. Ball
Howard Johnson	NFA-74-923,932,472	12:35	H. Johnson
Tim Kvidera	FTA-74-256,257,266	12:22	T. Kvidera
Nasser Shirakbari	FTA-74-78,210,215	9:35	N. Shirakbari
Bill Conboy	FTA-74-44,109,110	DISQ	B. Conboy Bird in tree. Chased up went 13:15

MAY 24TH, 25 - 1975
OFFICIAL SYSTEM

FLYER	BAND NOS	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Ed Buraczewski	FTA-74-558,963,986	12:28	J. Manaseri
Henry Bampffield	DVR-74-9,30,42	11:17	B. Newbold
Ed Young	FTA-73-1816	9:01	J. Harris
John Smith	DVR-74-430,460 FTA-71-1058	5:52	M. Rounbehler
Dick Seabridge	DVR-74-616,619		
Don Zink	FTA-74-2698,2694,2687	4:17	L. Abbott
J-M Rounbehler	ATU-74-67,83,70,61	2:10	B. Kennedy
Bill Newbold	FTA-73-24,27,1474	DISQ	J. Smith Birds split
Nasser Shirakbari		NO START	
		NO START	ther

HONOR SYSTEM

FLYER	BAND NOS	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Bill Conboy	FTA-74-44,109,110	13:25	B. Conboy
Tim Kvidera	FTA-74-256-257,266	10:27	T. Kvidera
Howard Johnson	NFA-74-923,932,472	DISQ	H. Johnson Rule 12
E. R. Ball		NO START	
Nasser Shirakbari		NO START	Bad weather

Young birds showed that they too are capable of turning in good times by going 12:07 for Richard Seabridge and 12:02 for Ed Buraczewski. Tim Kvidera won the Honor System with a 7:56. The Long Day fly went to Seabridge again with a 13:09, this time with old birds. Stephen Bliszcz topped the Honor System with a 11:29 turned in by his youngsters. Full report on the Summer Series flies in the next bulletin.

FTA AUGUST 1975

First order of business is my apologies to Pat Organ. In the last bulletin I published his poem, but failed to clearly acknowledge that it was Pat who composed the poem. I am afraid that many mistakenly thought that Bill Conboy wrote it. Sorry Pat.

DVR Representative Problem - Bill Newbold had been elected by the DVR to be their representative on the FTA board of directors, but the question was raised as to whether the DVR was entitled to a Local Club Representative when they already were represented on the board of directors by members elected to FTA office. Subsequently Bill has resigned his position and the Board of Directors has voted 5 to 1 to issue the following clarification of the Local Club Representative:

Any local club associated with the Flying Tippler Association of America that is not represented on the executive board by one or more of its members elected to an office of the FTA can elect a member to represent them on the executive board as a Local Club Representative.

Bands - At present our FTA constitution limits the price of FTA bands to six cents each. Currently we are buying the bands at a little less than five cents each. When you consider postage, etc. we are just barely breaking even on our bands if doing that well. The board of directors unanimously voted to present the following constitutional amendment to the FTA membership:

Change Section 4d concerning FTA bands from "He shall charge no more than six (6) cents per band with a minimum order of twenty-five seamless bands." to the following: "There will be a charge set by the board of directors for FTA seamless bands which shall be sold in multiples of twenty-five only."

The reason for multiples of 25 only is to make bookkeeping easier. If the above amendment is approved by you the members the board has voted to raise 1976 FTA band prices to eight (8) cents each. But don't let the increased cost be your only reason for voting against the amendment. The club needs the flexibility of this amendment, and we could use the added income to assure that we don't loose money on our bands.

Fly Fees - The board voted by majority vote to make next season's fly entry fee \$1.50 per fly with no discount for entering all flies at once. But don't let that stop you from entering all at once in the spring though if you expect to compete in them all. It saves the Central Timer a lot of work and postage to send out all the timers report forms at the same time.

Fly Schedule - The board voted unanimously to include a stock or gang fly in next season's fly schedule, but is not in full agreement as how it ought to be worked into the schedule. As there is a lot at stake here we shall have the entire membership decide which schedule to fly by. The board voted 4 to 2 picking schedule #2 above schedule #1 from various other possibilities. You members now have the final decision to make.

Schedule #1 is our present fly schedule with the addition of our previously held stock fly at the end of the end of the season. What we have then is three old bird flies in the spring followed by two young bird flies sandwiched around the Long Day fly in which any age can compete. Then in the fall we have three any age flies followed by a stock fly.

Schedule #2 provides the same three spring old bird flies but adds a third young bird fly in addition to the Long Day fly. Presently we have only 2 flies exclusively for young birds. The first fall fly of our present schedule is replaced by a stock fly then followed by two any age flies.

PROPOSED FLY SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE # 1		SCHEDULE # 2	
O. B.	April 24, 25	O. B.	April 24, 25
	May 8, 9		May 8, 9
	May 22, 23		May 22, 23
Y. B.	June 5, 6	Y. B.	June 5, 6
L. D.	June 19, 20	L. D.	June 19, 20
Y. B.	July 3, 4	Y. B.	July 3, 4
Any	Sept. 25, 26		July 17, 18
	Oct. 9, 10	Stk.	Sept. 25, 26
	Oct. 23, 24	Any	Oct. 9, 10
Stk.	Nov. 6, 7		Oct. 23, 24

The board was not unanimous on the question of whether the stock fly should be included in the FTA aggregate time. This also will be voted on by the membership.

Another question is how many birds comprise a stock kit. Again there is no definite consensus but majority is either for 8-12 or a minimum of 10 birds. What do you think? What does your club use? Let me hear from you. After I get more ideas from you the board will set the size requirements for a stock kit.

While we are on the subject of flying schedules I have a problem that has stumped me for years. As a national club why don't we offer a winter fly schedule to allow our Southern members a chance to compete in more favorable conditions? Maybe we can do something about it this year. As I see it we could set it up as a completely separate schedule or maybe just a winter series to replace the summer series the Northern flyers compete in. This could be a three or four fly series to allow Southerners to fly their young birds in relative coolness instead of the summer heat they are now compelled to fly in if they wish to compete nationally. As I recall from our couple years in Kentucky the weather during spring and fall is not beyond the demands for decent flying. I may be wrong, if so let me hear from you guys down South. Assuming a southern member flies his old birds in the regular spring flies and any age birds in the fall series then direct substitution of a winter young bird and "Short" Day fly for the regular summer young bird and Long Day series would allow a southern flyer the chance to compete pretty much on an even par with others for the aggregate honors.

If we go the completely sepearate schedule for southern members it probably should start out as three to five fly series until participation warrants expanding to additional flys. What do you members think? Is the time right for the board of directors to look into a winter fly series?

Got a letter from Irv Ostoff, 9707 Ridge Heights Road, Fairview Heights, Ill., 62208. Seems he has three young boys in his area interested in long flying Tipplers. They'd like some settleable squeekers with potential of decent flying ability. Anyone have some late hatch squeekers you could part with? If so give these kids a hand by dropping a line to Irv or call him at 608-397-6738.

Got a word from Bob Ball that he is starting to feel better. Our wish is for continued and complete recovery. His competitive efforts are truely missed in the flys.

The Central Jersey Tippler Club has elected Stephen Bliszc as its Local Club Representative on the FTA board of directors.

Got a few complements on my first bulletin. For these Lynn and I thank you. But the only way we can keep the bulletin personalized and interesting along with the club business is for you members to drop me a line whenever you come across something worth sharing with others. Do it, your fellow members will appreciate it.

Am about out of copies of our constitution and fly rules. Will probably get stencils electra-cut and run them off on our memeo machine.

Summer Series fly results are enclosed. As mentioned in the last bulletin the first young bird fly was won by Richard Seabridge with 12:07 closely followed by Ed Buraczewski at 12:02. The Honor System went to Tim Kvidera with 7:56. Seabridge took the Long Day fly too with a 13:09 and Stephen Bliszc topped the Honor System with an 11:29 with the other diploma going to Jim Smith on his 8:56.

The last young bird fly proved too sticky weather-wise for most of the birds. Don Zink won the Official System with a 5:54 on his futurity banded kit. Ed Buraczewski was close behind with 5:29. Jim Smith took the Honor System with 5:41. Tim Kvidera was unable to drop the entire kit in the hour limit after throwing out the dropper with 15:48 gone. Stephen Bliszc also unable to drop kit in the hour after going 5:03.

Our constitution provides for an annual show held in conjunction with the NPA Grand National. This year the show will be in California. We will provide some awards should there be any support by FTA exhibitors. You fellows out west let me know how many birds you plan to show if any. Also could use a volunteer to run things out there on behalf of the FTA. Any suggestions for a judge should we have a meet?

Does anyone have a current address on Edward Smith? He has moved from James St. in Philadelphia according to the Post Office.

JUNE 7, 8 - 1975

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

FLYER	BAND NOS	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Rich Seabridge	FTA-75-601,603,604	12:07	E. Mazur-Trophy, Diploma
Ed Buraczewski	FTA-75-39,1702,1704 1711	12:02	J. Manaseri-Diploma
J-M Rounbehler	DVR-75-1,4,8	DISQ	J. Smith-5:25-Not FTA banded

HONOR SYSTEM

Tim Kvidera	FTA-75-206,209,215	7:56	T. Kvidera-Trophy
James Smith	FTA-75-777,778,779	4:03	J. Smith
Howard Johnson		DISQ	Not FTA banded

JUNE 21, 22 - LONG DAY 1975

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

FLYER	BAND NOS	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Rich Seabridge	FTA-74-2698,2694,2687	13:09	L. Abbott-Trophy, Diploma
Ed Buraczewski	FTA-75-39,1704,1711, 1702	11:31	J. Manaseri-Diploma
Henry Bampfield	DVR-74-42,30,9	6:52	E. Smith
J-M Rounbehler	FTA-73-24,27,1474	5:34	J. Smith
Don Zink	ATU-75-178,2410,ATU-74 70	4:41	B. Kennedy
Ed Young	FTA-73-1816,DVR-74- 430,460	DISQ	B. NEWBOLD-9:55-Birds split
Bill Newbold	FTA-75-2003,44,45 2001,42,2006 DVR-75-802	DISQ	E. Young-Rule 12

HONOR SYSTEM

Stephen Bliszcz	FTA-75-903,904,905	11:29	S. Bliszcz-Trophy,Diploma
James Smith	FTA-75-777,778,779	8:56	J. Smith-Diploma
Tim Kvidera	FTA-74-257,266,286	6:45	T. Kvidera
Howard Johnson	NPA-74-723,932 APC-75-3765,3768	5:00	H. Johnson

JULY 5, 6 - 1975

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

FLYER	BAND NOS	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Don Zink	FTA-75-32,35,31	5:54	B. Kennedy
Ed Buraczewski	FTA-75-1702,1704,1711	5:29	J. Manaseri
Rich Seabridge	FTA-75-601,603,607	DISQ	E. Mazur-Out of bounds

HONOR SYSTEM

James Smith	777,778,779 FTA-75- 2003,2004,2005	5:41	J. Smith
Stephen Bliszcz	FTA-75-903,904,905	DISQ	S. BLISCZ-5:03-Unable to drop in hour
Howard Johnson		DISQ	Rule 5
Tim Kvidera	FTA-75-203,205,209	DISQ	T. Kvidera-15:48-Unable to drop entire kit in hour

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Please complete the following ballot and send as soon as possible to:

Tim Kvidera
13610 Johnson St. N. E.
Anoka, Mn. 55303

1. Change the FTA constitution Section 4d concerning FTA bands from "He shall charge no more than six (6) cents per band with a minimum order of twenty-five seamless bands." To the following: "There will be a charge set by the board of directors for FTA seamless bands which shall be sold in multiples of twenty-five only."

YES _____ NO _____

2. Choose one Of the following fly schedules;

_____ SCHEDULE #1
_____ SCHEDULE #2

3. Does time flown in a stock fly count in aggregate time?

YES _____ NO _____

4. What size should a stock kit be?

MINIMUM _____ MAXIMUM _____

5. Should the board of directors look into a winter fly schedule?

YES _____ NO _____

If yes should it be a separate schedule or an alternate series to replace the summer series for those who cannot fly in the summer?

SEPERATE _____ ALTERNATE _____

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FTA SEPT 1975

I wish to thank those members who took the time to send in their ballots from last month's bulletin, all twenty-four of them. We have close to a hundred members so I had anticipated maybe one third would return their votes but we came up considerably short of that. But heck twenty-five per cent response is better than no response, right? In most cases yes and in the points voted on with only one exception there is a clear out majority to each question. But probably the most important point to many members is still up in the air. Votes on the fly schedule are split right down the middle 12 - 12.

The constitutional amendment having the board of directors set the band prices passed by a margin of 20 to 4. The price of our 1976 FTA bands will be eight cents (\$.08) each to be purchased in multiples of twenty-five. Our bands have been ordered and confirmation of the order was received from Gey Band Teg Company a couple months ago. In keeping with our decreasing band sales, I have purchased 3,000 for next year. This year we had 3,500 and to date sold 2,650. Early ordering of 1976 bands would be appreciated as should band sales increase more bands will have to be purchased and the sooner this decision can be made the less inconvenience will be caused to all those involved.

The stock fly time will be counted in the aggregate fly time a vote of 15 to 9. It is too late to get a stock fly set up this year and besides as our fly schedule was set up at the beginning of the year we did not have one included. Those flyers competing for the aggregate honors started the season pursuing a goal thinking that nine fly's would be involved and we will stand by the schedule we started with this year and wait until next year to implement the new fly schedule.

The size of a stock kit produced thirteen different responses with six votes each for 8 - 12 birds and a minimum of 8 with unlimited maximum. Other size kits suggested got one vote each with 5 - 12 getting two votes. But our regular kit size is 3 - 7 so a stock kit should have more than 7 birds.

The membership is overwhelming in favor of looking into a winter fly schedule, 21 to 2 and leans toward it being an alternate schedule by a vote of 13 to 8. But the puzzling thing is that of the 14 or so Southern members only two or three were interested enough to send in suggestions as to time of year they would prefer the winter schedule to be.

As you can see we need more response from the membership in general concerning fly schedules and the Southern members in particular concerning possible months desired for a winter schedule. Since we are a flying oriented organization a fly schedule should be our major concern. So please members find your ballots from last month's bulletin and send them in. The issues that are not decided that we need feed-back on are fly-schedules, stock kit size and whether the winter schedule that the board will look into should be a separate or alternate fly schedule.

Schedule #1 is our current fly schedule with a Fourth Fall Series fly added being a stock fly. Advantage here is that many feel that the later in the year one has the stock fly the more birds a fancier will have to use in the stock kit as by November breeding will not be a factor.

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Schedule #2 modifies our present schedule to add a third fly exclusively for young birds, our current Young Bird Series has two exclusive young bird flies sandwiched around the Long Day fly in which any age birds can compete. The Stock fly is the first of the three fall flies with the advantage being that it is much harder to add five more birds to an established kit than to pick three out of a stock kit for competition in the next fly. By September in most cases breeding should not be much of a factor here either.

There has been some displeasure voiced that the board decided to make the fly entry fee \$1.50 a fly with no discount for entering all at once. The feeling was that the active fly participating members were being required to foot the brunt of the club's finances. This is a gross misconception that if voiced by one must be held by more. In 1974 even with the best participation of recent history our fly season was over a hundred dollars in the red. Total entry fees received were \$159.50, total winner's trophy checks and Central Timer expense was \$272.30. This difference was made up by our general membership through dues and donations. In other words those members participating in the fly season ought to offer sincere thanks to their fellow members who foot the bill for the fly season rather than vice versa.

While we are on the subject of money and awards we will try to pay by the schedule Nasser set up and published earlier this year. The winner of a FTA fly, either system, gets a check with which he can purchase a trophy or do what ever (if the winning time is greater than six (6) hours). Six through eight hours gets a check for eight (\$8.00) dollars. Times above eight hours are awarded checks on the basis of one dollar an hour.

Futurity fly winner is to get one half of the total futurity band sales for the system, official or honor, that he wins, other half goes to FTA. This year we sold 57 futurity bands, 40 official and 17 honor system. We had no Honor System winner so entire fund reverts to FTA. Don Zink won the official system with the only time turned in by a futurity banded kit and therefore is entitled to a twenty (\$20.00) dollar check.

At the moment our treasury has \$86.78 with no outstanding bills other than fly winners checks, bands have been paid for. We have our APJ ad due for renewal in a couple months and of course bulletin postage is a constant expense. This is not as gloomy a picture as it may at first seem. We are approaching the end of the year meaning membership renewal and band ordering time. So our income should start flowing in soon. As it does we should be ending the fly season and our expense there can be determined. As soon as our funds are adequate I will send out the checks to the fly winners. I ask their patience until then. Diplomas will be sent out after end of fly season.

Since the May bulletin with the membership list came out I've received a number of new members but haven't had the time or space to introduce them to you fellow members. They are:

Frank O'Neil, RR #1, Oldcastle, Ontario, Canada NORILO
 Arthur C. Steiber, 475 Grove, Clowson, Mich. 48017
 Ron Rice, Ruerson Ave, Manorville, N. Y. 11949
 Alex Farkas, Box 2033, West Helena, Ark. 72390
 Arthur E. Bruce, 88 Hammet St. Hespeler, Ontario, Canada N3B2H6
 Sandy Fabricatore, 266 South Street, Manorville, N. Y. 11949
 Joseph Smith SFC, 66-465 Killioe Place, Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712
 Bruce Knutson, 7765 North West Skillings Dr., Corvallis, Oregon 97330

I plan to continue the membership setup that Nasser had. Namely that membership will be one year from date of payment of dues, not January to January as many clubs do. So if one joins say in June his \$1.00 makes him a member until the following June. At the end of this bulletin you will find the expiration date of your current membership. If it runs out in the near future please renew it promptly and if possible before it expires. It would be a good idea to send in your band order at the same time too. The club treasury could use both as early as is convenient for you.

No membership response from out West about a FTA meet with the NFA Grand National. So it is apparent that we don't have enough time to get a meet set up by show time. Therefore we will not have a FTA show this year. I know there are many of you who enjoy this aspect of the Tippler hobby so we will try to get something together for next winter. Our constitution calls for our meet to be in conjunction with the NFA National so we will have to see where it goes before anything else can be done.

Just got word that Jack Boden, of England, bettered the World Record on the Long Day fly with a time of 20:40. Looks like the next threshold, 21:00 is soon to be broken. Congratulations Jack!

The following constitutional amendment has been passed please clip and insert with your copy of FTA constitution.

Change the FTA constitution article VI, section 4d concerning FTA bands from "He shall charge no more than six(6) cents per band with a minimum order of twenty-five seamless bands." To the following "There will be a charge set by the board of directors for FTA seamless bands which shall be sold in multiples of twenty-five only."

Your FTA dues are paid up to _____
If they expire soon please renew them promptly.

Forgot our latest new member on last page
J. Hoffman-- 12242 Laity St., Maple Ridge, B.C. Canada

Frank

I returned your check that didn't clear Nasser's bank before he closed the FTA account out and asked for ~~some~~ a money order to cover same or if not try the check again through my bank. But as yet haven't heard from you. You had sent \$10.00 for membership through June 1977 but since Nasser's bank didn't clear the check and you haven't sent another you actually are not a paid up member. Please respond one way or the other K

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FTA NOV 1975

Well the fly schedule is still not settled. A few more ballots have been returned but still no clear cut preference. So again I plead that those of you who have not returned your vote on the fly schedule please do so. The next bulletin will carry the results and we will go with whichever schedule has the most votes. Even if the margin is only one. I hope you realize that it is your vote that could decide which schedule you and your fellow members will compete in. Remember schedule #1 has our present schedule with a Stock Fly as a forth fly added to the Fall Series. Schedule #2 adds a third young bird fly to the Summer Series and makes the first Fall Series fly the Stock fly.

The fly schedule has to be decided soon as this change will be incorporated in the club constitution and fly rules that I have to reprint as the previous supply is exhausted. Those new members that have not received them, I have not forgotten you and as soon as I get them made up I will send out copies to those that need them.

I must apologize for the illegibility of the first page of the last bulletin. I ran out of ink part way into running that page.

Membership renewals and band orders have started coming in bringing the current treasury balance to \$186.63. We are committed to awards totaling \$181.50 for our fly winners plus the \$20.00 futurity win by Don Zink. Our APJ ad is due soon and last year was around \$85.00. So if membership renewals continue coming in early, most are due the first of January, we should be able to hopefully get the awards out before Christmas.

I hope to get the diplomas out to the deserving flyers within a couple weeks. Congratulations to all those involved. Enclosed are the fly results from the Fall Series and the aggregate totals.

The first fall fly was won by Don Zink with a 6:27. Ed Buraczewski had another good time going until the kit overflowed, and Rich Seabridge had his kit chased off by migrating hawks after 7:30. Dean Patterson won the Honor System with a 7:12. James Smith overflowed his kit and Tim Kvidera flew a 12:22 but was disqualified for kit being out of sight over an hour. E. R. Ball's kit split after 8:17.

The second fly again found Don Zink on top with a nice 10:14 followed by Ed Buraczewski's 7:17. Rich Seabridge overflowed with a new kit. Stephen Bliszcz took the Honor System with a 10:06, closely pushed by Jim Smith's time of 10:03.

The third fly had Ed Buraczewski winning with a 8:40. Jim Smith again won the Honor System with a good time of 10:30. Stephen Bliszcz followed up with a 9:05 and Howard Johnson turned in a 7:38.

The Official System Aggregate goes to Ed Buraczewski with a great time of 81:30 which is even more phenomenal when you consider he was disqualified on one fly or could well have gotten over 90:00. I think this is a remarkable accomplishment and evidence of consistent superior performance. Congratulations Ed!

Rich Seabridge came in second with a total of 51:05, followed by Don Zink with 46:34.

The Honor System Aggregate went to Tim Kvidera with 40:27, closely followed by Jim Smith's 39:18 and Howard Johnson's 37:36.

The following is a letter I received from Bill Conboy concerning the Honor Tippler Flyers club.

H.T.F. IS ABSORBED BY F.T.A.

October 19, 1975

Gentlemen:

This is a short explanation of the merger of the Honor Tippler Flyers with the F.T.A.

The Honor Flyers was a club formed by a group of 15 Tippler flyers who wanted to compete in the relaxed manner of the Honor System. At the time this club was formed, there was a need for this system.

Subsequently, the F.T.A. recognized and encouraged the Honor System to any who wished to fly that way. Therefore, there is no dire need for a separate club.

After careful consideration the board of directors of the H.T.F. have voted to be assimilated into the F.T.A. and from this day forward October 27, 1975 we will fly and be bound by all F.T.A. rules and regulations.

Cordially,

Bill Conboy

Also received a letter from our club president, Bob Funk, stating that interest in competitively flying Tipplers in his area is picking up and a few gentlemen down there are talking about forming a local association and flying with the FTA on the Honor System. They would be a welcome addition.

I know that I've been very inconsistent in remembering to send out membership cards to new members and renewals, probably forgetting about half. If any of you don't have a card and would like one let me know and I'll oblige.

The following new members have been added to the roster since the September bulletin. Welcome to the FTA gentlemen.

John Taylor - 4308 Fandon, El Monte, Cal. 91732
Jeffrey Lee Frost - 1415 Birchard Ave., Fremont, Ohio 43420
Robert J. Brown - 11736 Hamilton Place, White Marsh, Maryland 21162
Steve Consolino, Jr. - PO Box 647, Watervliet, Mich. 49098
Joseph Leghorn - 568 E. 13th St., Hialeah, Florida 33013

I have received our 1976 FTA bands and they appear in good shape. Early ordering of bands would be appreciated, then I wouldn't have the big rush at the first of the year. I could get them set up at my convenience prior to the mailing which has been in the past and will be again around the second week of January. This assures us that any FTA banded young bird is no older than the age on the band. Remember our 1976 FTA bands are now eight cents (\$.08) each. That is \$2.00 for each 25 band lot.

Well winter and snow are starting to settle in up my way and surely elsewhere.. It's time to put the kits into mothballs and wait until next spring with constant hopes of doing better next year than this. It is also time to pick and choose next years flying team and mate and remate the breeders up on paper anyway. Along with this goes the decisions as to which birds can be spared. Once this decision has been

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made if the supply exceeds the demand in your area give the APJ a try. An ad in the Journal is publicity for our Tipplers, not only by way of your ad in particular but also the more advertising support that the APJ receives the more publicity articles it can include in the text. You could also consider a few lines in the FTA bulletin. A dollar ad will reach our hundred Tippler enthusiasts and potential customers.

SEPTEMBER 27, 28 - 1975

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

FLYER	BAND NOS	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
Don Zink	ATU-75-2410,200,178	6:27	Bob Kennedy Trophy
Ed Buraczewski	FTA-75-1717,1710,1702	DISQ	J. Manaseri - Over fly
Rich Seabridge	FTA-75-622,603,614	DISQ	M. Niese - Rule 18

HONOR SYSTEM

Dean Patterson	FTA-75-672,674,677,678	7:12	Self Trophy
Bill Conboy	FTA-75-315,317,318	4:58	Self
Stephen Bliszcz	FTA-75-905,910,914	3:13	Self
Gene Poirier	FTA-75-1240,1203,1204	2:00	Self
James Smith	75-777,782,783	DISQ	Self - Over fly
Tim Kvidera	FTA-74-256,266,286	DISQ	Self -12:22 Kit out sight for hour
E. R. Ball		DISQ	Self - After 8:17 birds split

OCTOBER 11, 12 - 1975

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Don Zink	ATU-75-200,2408,2412	10:24	Bob Kennedy Trophy, Diploma
Ed Buraczewski	FTA-75-39,1710,1704,1717	7:17	J. Manaseri
Rich Seabridge	FTA-75-601,618,632	DISQ	E. Mazur - Over fly

HONOR SYSTEM

James Smith	FTA-75-776,777,782,787	10:03	Self Diploma
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*Stephen Bliszcz	FTA-75-911,913,914	10:06	Self - WINNER Trophy, Diploma
Howard Johnson	NPA-74-723,932	3:30	Self
	APC-75-3765		
Bill Conboy	FTA-75-315,317,318	2:07	Self
Tim Kvidera	FTA-74-265,266,286	DISQ	Self - Out of sight for hour

OCTOBER 25, 26 - 1975

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

Don Zink	ATU-75-2408,2412,187,180	DISQ	B. Kennedy - Out of bounds
	2412		
*Ed Buraczewski	FTA-75-39,1710,1711,1717	8:40	J. Manaseri - WINNER Trophy, Diploma

Frank,

When I took over in June I sent you your check that Niese's bank wouldn't cash due to closing of his FTA accounts. I then asked you to send a money order or another check to pay my bank, but as yet no response. Unless I hear from you by next month this will be your last bulletin.

Tom

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OCTOBER 25, 27 - 1975
HONOR SYSTEM

FLYER	BAND NOS	TIME FLOWN	TIMER
James Smith	FTA-75-776,777,782 784,787,790	10:30	Self Trophy, Diploma
Stephen Bliszcz	FTA-75-905,911,913	9:05	Self Diploma
Howard Johnson	NPA-74-723,932 APC-75-3765	7:38	Self
Tim Kvidera	FTA-74-265,266,286	2:57	Self
Gene Poirier	FTA-75-1201,1203,1240	DISQ	Self - 4:20 One bird failed to trap

OFFICIAL SYSTEM

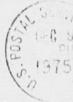
AGGREGATE - 1975

HONOR SYSTEM

	TOTAL	BEST FLY
1 Ed Buraczewski	81:30	12:31
2 Rich Seabridge	51:05	14:00
3 Don Zink	46:34	11:00
4 J - M Rounbehler	20:48	10:07
5 Henry Bampffield	18:09	11:17
6 Ed Young	9:01	9:01
7 Bill Newbold	8:51	8:51
8 John Smith	5:52	5:52
9 Danny Suarz	1:55	1:55

	TOTAL	BEST FLY
1 Tim Kvidera	40:27	12:22
2 James Smith	39:18	10:30
3 Howard Johnson	37:36	12:35
4 Bill Conboy	34:28	13:58
5 Stephen Bliszcz	33:53	11:29
6 E. R. Ball	28:43	14:51
7 Nasser Shirakbari	19:54	10:01
8 Bob Prisco	12:00	12:00
9 Dean Patterson	7:12	7:12
10 Gene Poirier	2:00	2:00

Tim Kvidera
13610 Johnson St. N. E.
Anoka, Minn. 55303



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FTA DECEMBER 1975

There was some response since the November bulletin concerning members not receiving October bulletins. The answer is simple - no such issue exists. We did not have time with shows, etc and other obligations to get one out. Also that was a show month with little material to include anyway. The FTA has in the past sent out approximately ten bulletins a year on roughly a monthly basis this will be continued and starting next year, that is next bulletin, we will include in the heading a bulletin number so members can be sure whether or not they have received all issues.

Fly schedule balloting is now terminated. Next season we will fly by schedule #1, our current schedule with a fourth fall fly added being a stock fly. Stock fly will count in the aggregate total.

Still not much response on winter schedule suggestions for dates, etc. This will be taken up with the executive board and taken care of by them. This winter schedule will probably be an alternate system. the board will also decide on the size of the stock kit. The majority of members are in favor of either 8 - 12 or a minimum of 8.

Dues and band orders are coming in pretty well. Among those was a nice letter from long time member Pat Organ wishing "all the boys my very best for a very joyous and holy season." The 1976 APJ ad costing \$93.60 has been paid leaving us a current balance of \$170.03. Last seasons fly awards total \$201.50 including futurity win by Don Zink. Some of these winnings will be sent out with this bulletin. All diplomas were sent out last month.

Received a letter from Doris Weber, sec. of NPA, stating that as an affiliated Club we are eligible to submit the name of a member we consider deserving of a NPA Certificate of Appreciation award. This name should be submitted to her before January 15, 1976. So please submit as soon as possible your choice of your fellow members that you consider worthy of this honor. As we do not have time to get a set of nominations and then ballot we will submit themember with the majority of votes to the NPA.

When ordering your bands remember our Futurity bands. You purchase them for a dollar each put them on youngsters from your promising pairs then fly them in the futurity fly. IF you are fortunate enough to fly the best time of the futurity banded kits you win one half the futurity fund for your system.

As is the policy of the FTA our 1976 bands will be sent out about the second week of January. This assures all that the birds are no older than the band they wear. Remember FTA bands are \$.03 each in lots of twenty-five, i.e. \$2.00 per 25 bands.

If you hurry and send in your vote for the Certificate of Appreciation you can beat the postal rate increase. Don't forget to send along your dues renewal and band order too.

I had hoped to get this out before Christmas but due to various other commitments we now have to wish you all a belated Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Tim and Lynn

Sounds like many have their birds together and eagerly awaiting the first round of youngsters to put on the roof. We are still about a month away from pairing up as the normal winter up here does not begin to let up until mid or late February and unless you wait until then the first young birds will be flying before the snow is gone in April.

Got quite a few notes along with the band orders with most anticipating an interesting year. Many expressed desire to participate in this years flying competitions. Remember you are all welcome to join in any or all of the ten scheduled flies. This year we are returning the stock fly to our club's competitive season. Much interest has been expressed and the challenge of competing with a larger kit should be fun. Enclosed you will find a copy of the 1976 FTA fly dates. Please keep it handy and join in the competition when you can.

Bob Prisco who did such a tremendous job as Central Timer last year has consented to continuing on. I am sure that all of you that competed last year thoroughly enjoyed the comprehensive fly results that he sent out last year. Bob is requesting that anyone with suggestions as to how he can make these reports even better please do so by dropping him a line. His address is Bob Prisco, RD #2, McElwee Rd, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

Fly entry fees this year are \$1.50 per fly with no discount for entering all flies at once. But if you plan to compete in more than one it would be a good idea to enter them all at once to help make the bookwork easier and save multiple mailings. As our flies are still far from breaking even money-wise in an effort to save postage we will continue the practice of only sending fly results to those flyers that return their timer's report forms. That is, if you enter but for some reason do not fly and want the early results you will have to return the timers report to Bob with proper notation of, No Start etc. Otherwise you will have to wait until the results are carried in the bulletins.

The proper procedure for entering our FTA flies is to send a check or money order made out to the Flying Tippler Association to the Central Timer at least one week prior to the fly you wish to compete in. The Central Timer then has enough time to send by return mail your timers report form before the date of the fly. These timers report forms must then be filled out and sent back to the Central Timer postmarked or before the Monday following the fly. The Central Timer compiles the results and sends them to the competing participants and to the Secretary for later publications.

The FTA flies under two separate systems, Official and Honor. The Official System requires that an impartial FTA member referee your kit from start to finish of the fly. Under the Honor System any member that is unable to secure a timer can compete with others that referee their ownbirds performance. The awards for these two systems are separate and equal. Diplomas are awarded to all kits that fly good (not disqualified) times of eight hours or more. The winning flyer from each system gets a check roughly equivalent to a dollar an hour that the birds flew. This cash award can be used at the flyers discretion to purchase his own trophy.

We also sponsor another special fly for futurity banded young birds. This is held in conjunction with the last young bird fly. To compete the entire kit must be banded with FTA futurity bands and the futurity banded kit with the best time (does not have to win overall fly) wins one half the futurity fund for that flying System. Last year Don Zink won \$20.00. True money is not everything, but it sure helps pay the feed bill. Futurity bands are available from the FTA secretary at a cost of \$1.00 each. Put them on the youngsters from your promising pairs and you may reap dividends should these youngsters bloom into decent birds. By the way all young birds flown in either of the young bird flies must be banded with 1976 FTA bands, also available through the secretary at a cost of \$2.00 for each group of 25 bands.

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I would like to thank those of you members that voted me as the member deserving of the NPA Certificate of Appreciation but I will decline the honor in preference to the second place finisher, Nasser Shirakbari. Nasser did wonders for our club until business and family responsibilities required him to step down. His name has been submitted to Doris Weber as the FTA's choice for the award.

Now that the fly schedule has been decided I hope to get the constitution and fly rules reprinted and sent out to the new members that joined since the previous supply was exhausted. Other members that wish a copy please let me know.

The following individuals are welcomed as new members to the FTA.

Jerry Kolter, Rt #3 Box 45, Henderson, Mn. 56044
John Beris Jr., 7 Johnson Rd, Trenton, NJ 08648

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1975

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1975 \$427.01

INCOME		EXPENSE	
Dues and Donations	\$438.51	1975 National Trophies	\$ 44.50
Bands	218.40	1974 Secretary Salary (Nasser)	85.00
Petty Cash on Transfer	4.30	Import tax Ball trophy	7.91
Show Rebate (Atlantic City)	48.00	Office Supplies	52.93
Insurance Claim (trophy)	9.55	Postage	138.59
Fly Entries	136.81	Central Timer Expense	40.00
	<u>\$855.57</u>	Phone	22.94
		Mimeo machine & supplies	300.00
		Typeewriter	174.38
		Coverage of foreign check	10.00
		Bands	125.70
		Affiliation dues NPA	5.00
		APJ Ad	93.60
		Fly Awards	<u>169.85</u>
			\$1270.40

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1976 \$12.18

Now to try to answer some of the questions you may have on the financial statement. The sending of the trophy to E. R. Ball for his 1974 Honor System Record fly was a headache. The first try it got damaged for which we were reimbursed \$9.55. Sending the trophy from the US to Canada necessitated the import duty of \$7.91. The band income includes many orders for 1976 bands. The coverage of a foreign check was necessary because it had not cleared Nasser's bank before he forwarded the FTA monies to me. The odd total for fly entry money was to my subtracting My central timer expense from last years entries before turning them in to Nasser during the change of positions. The fly awards for the 1975 season still had \$41.35 due to winners at the end of the year. This has since been taken care of.

Although we ended the year with a balance of \$12.18, we have since received dues, band orders and donations that have raised our treasury to a current total of \$77.83. There are still numerous members that have not renewed their dues for 1976 so with the expected income from these we should be in sound financial condition. Near the end of this bulletin the expiration date of your current membership will be found. We cannot carry you indefinitely on the mailing list so if your dues are expired this may be your last FTA bulletin.

Last month I was out East on business. A couple times a year I get out to Reading, Pa. As there are a few top notch Fantail breeders in that area I combine some pleasure with the business. Oft times I fly out by way of Philadelphia with some lay over

between flights. Well, last time out I brought along the club roster figuring to kill some of the hour and a half wait calling and talking to fellow Tippler fanciers. So what happened, well all but one of the members have unlisted phone numbers, the one who didn't was out for the evening and the babysitter was unable to help me with the other's numbers. I'm sure other members have experienced this same type of thing. Maybe in the future we can incorporate phone numbers with our roster if you members wish and comply by submitting the same.

Since we are a club comprised of members spread throughout the US and Canada we rarely have more than a handful of members get together at any one time. In an effort to introduce us to each other I have asked some of our members to write short autobiographies to be included in our bulletins. Although the members that I contacted last month were picked because of their prominence and or achievements, I am now asking for any interested member to submit his or her introduction to be published as time and space allows. To lead off the introductions this month we feature Ed Buraczewski who has won the Official System Aggregate award the last two years in a row, this past year with a tremendous total of 81 hours and 30 minutes. Ed has just finished a new loft 25 miles from the old one and hopefully will be able to resettle his birds and continue his display of consistency. Fellow members it is my pleasure to introduce to you -- Ed Buraczewski.

I am very honored to be the first chosen to start off your series of biographies on Flying Tippler men.

I am 32 years old, married, my wife's name is Rosine and we live at 124 Astor Street, Holbrook, New York. I work at Kinemotive Corporation as a supervisor. We produce bellows and pressure switches which go into gyroscopes and fuel systems, which in turn go into jet fighters such as the F14 built by Grumman, and guided missile systems.

I started with pigeons in 1958. With the aid of my father, I bought some bronze tumblers, kept them for about two years, then took up Homers. I stayed with homers for about five years never really getting involved with homer clubs. I just kept them for my own personal satisfaction. In 1965, my father bought some flying tipplers from Dave Lewis in Oakdale, New York. He really got involved and was very much impressed with their flying ability. He met a man named Vic Jendzo at a local pet shop who also had flying tipplers. Shortly after they became good friends. In 1966, the New York Flying Tippler Club (which later became known as the American Tippler Union) was started and Vic persuaded my father to join. In 1967, I started getting more and more interested in flying tipplers and less interested in homers.

In 1967, I also joined the A.T.U. This was the first year my father and I flew our birds in competition, again through the kind persuasion of Vic Jendzo. He said we had good flying birds so we should fly them in competition. He even paid the year's fly fee for us. From that time on we have been flying the Flying Tippler in competition.

We have flown the Scheffield strain of tipplers from 1965 to the present. These birds fly at a medium height and can fly very well in strong winds and rain. Then we received two pair of Gordon Hughes birds from Vic Jendzo in 1969 which he imported from Gordon Hughes in England. These are a smaller bird when compared to a Scheffield. They are a very high strung bird and mostly blue in color. They are a very high flying bird capable of long time flys and can fly well in very heavy rain. This past year I received some Lovatts from Bob Kennedy and Don Zink. These birds are a larger bird than the Gordon Hughes, more so like the Scheffield in size. From what I've heard and seen, these are long time flying pigeons.

The times I have flown with the Flying Tipplers range from 3 hours to 12 hours 54 minutes in competition. Through the years I've had kit birds go 13:15, 13:25

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and 14:22 but not in competition. I have aggregate times ranging from 41 hours 41 minutes to 81 hours 30 minutes. Like anything worthwhile, it takes time and patience. It takes a series of trial and error in establishing feed-ups, training schedules and breeding. The birds are only half of what it takes; the trainer-owner is the other half in the sport of competition tippler flying.

Congratulations again Ed on your accomplishments and best wishes for your continued success. Now that we have got the ball rolling how about the rest of you taking a few minutes to jot down your introductions.

1976 FTA FLY SCHEDULE
Entry Fee \$1.50 Per Fly

Central Timer Bob Frisco
RD #2 McElwee Rd
Moorestown, N. J. 08057

Spring Series
Any Age
April 24, 25
May 8, 9
May 22, 23

Summer Series
Young Birds
June 5, 6
June 19, 20 (Long Day)
July 3, 4
Any age in Long Day fly

Fall Series
Any Age
Sept. 25, 26
Oct. 9, 10
Oct. 23, 24
Nov. 6, 7 (Stock Fly)

Your dues currently expire

Jan 1977

Tim Kvidera
13610 Johnson St. N. E.
Anoka, Minn. 55303



Frank O'Neil

RR #1

Oldcastle, Ontario

Canada

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Due to flu, etc. there was no bulletin put out in February. Old man winter has finally reclaimed the weather up here after about a three week pseudo-spring. We have our birds together and eggs are starting to come. So should have young birds older then seven weeks when the young bird flys start (that is if I can get away with counting my chicks before they are hatched).

While I am talking about young birds remember we have FTA bands available through your secretary at a price of two dollars (\$2.00) for each lot of twenty-five. Also available but moving quite slow this year are our futurity bands. These are bands that you buy at the price of a dollar each and place on birds from your promising pairs. From these futurity banded youngsters you try to come up with a young bird kit to compete in the futurity fly July 3 & 4. If you are fortunate enough to fly the best time of the futurity banded kits in either Official or Honor System you win one half the monies paid for futurity bands for that system. Last year Don Zink won \$20.00 in the Official System futurity fly.

While discussing the fly season maybe we ought to list the current records that we have to try to better this season. From data I have these are our goals in 1976.

North American Records

O. B. Bill Adams - Toronto, Canada - 17 hours 25 minutes - June 18, 1950

Y. B. D. M. Prud'homme - Toronto, Canada - 15 hours 58 minutes July 10, 1955

United States Records

O. B. Fred Erbach - New York - 17 hours 18 minutes - May 23, 1937

Y. B. William G. Hoffman - Maryland - 13 hours 58 minutes - June 9, 1957

FTA Official System Records

O. B. Mark & Joe Rounbehler - Penn. - 15 hours 15 minutes - May 25, 1974

Y. B. William G. Hoffman - Maryland - 13 hours 58 minutes - June 9, 1957

FTA Honor System Records

O. B. E. R. Ball - Stouffville, Canada - 15 hours 7 minutes - May 26, 1974

Y. B. "Red" Dubuc - Massachusetts - 16 hours 15 minutes - 1961

There they are gentlemen. Let's see how many we can rewrite during the following 1976 fly schedule.

SPRING SERIES	SUMMER SERIES	FALL SERIES
ANY AGE	YOUNG BIRDS	ANY AGE
April 24, 25	June 5, 6	Sept. 25, 26
May 8, 9	June 19, 20 (long day)	Oct. 9, 10
May 22, 23	July 3, 4	Oct. 23, 24
	Any age in long day fly	Nov. 6, 7 (Stock Fly)

We will also have a Winter Series for you members in the warmer climate that would like to fly with the FTA. Dates for the Winter Series have yet to be firmed up. If you guys have suggestions drop me a line. The Winter Series will be three flys and equivalent to the Summer Series. This will allow the southern members the opportunity to compete and be in the running for the FTA aggregate award. To do this the flyer would compete in the Winter Series say this year then fly the Spring and Fall Series of 1977 with the times from these three series compiled for his aggregate total for 1977. If a flyer competes in a Winter Series fly then any times he does in the Summer Series would not be included in his aggregate total.

Those of you who do not recall the procedure for competing in the FTA flys please check your January 1976 bulletin. Remember the entry fee is \$1.50 per fly and the FTA Central Timer is Robert Prisco, RD #2 McElwee Rd, Moorestown, N. J. 08057. Hope to have the constitutions and fly rules out to those who need them in a few weeks.